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Dear Executive Vice President Dombrovskis,

I am Art.4(1)(b) the European Services Forum (ESF), the voice of the European services sectors in trade and investment negotiations. As you know, the services sectors represent more than 70% of EU GDP and more than 70% of EU Employment. As for the international trade, ESF members represent more than 30% of EU total exports & imports (2.3 trillion € in 2021), 60% of EU outward FDI and more than 75% of EU Inward FDI. According to Eurostat, more than 22 million of EU jobs are related to the exports of services.

The members of the ESF Advisory Board would like to request a meeting with you. It will be an opportunity to share our views on the priorities of the European services industry and to hear your perspectives in the months ahead on the various trade agreements that have been concluded or still under negotiations, being multilateral, plurilateral or bilateral. In particular, we will be interested in exchanging on EU-US TTC and Digital trade, on EU-India, EU-Australia, EU-Indonesia, and on the JSI on E-Commerce and the need to extend the WTO Moratorium on Custom Duties on Electronic Transactions.

We could also discuss about the various instruments set by the EU to assert its open strategic autonomy and how the Services sectors work toward more sustainable trade.

We fully understand your extremely busy diary, but would greatly appreciate if you would dedicate some time to our important sectors. I should be grateful if you could provide us with few dates for such a meeting, so that we could gather most of our board members, which is composed of 7 persons.

I look forward to hearing from you.

With our warmest regards,

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