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Dear and -

I hope that you had a good trip back from Brussels. After the beautiful weather last week in Brussels, it is a little hard to deal with the snow we have today! But I guess it is not going to last and we will be enjoying Spring weather by the weekend.

I wanted to invite you to a meeting with the American Seed Trade Association and the European Seed Association this Friday, March 21 at 9 a.m. As you are probably aware, these two organizations have generated a joint statement on bilateral cooperation on seed trade issues under TTIP (I am attaching a copy in the event that you haven't seen it yet). In the SPS discussions last week, we touched on this subject briefly. The meeting this week would be an opportunity for ASTA and ESA to discuss their interest in TTIP in more detail.

The participants will include the presidents of ASTA ( ) and ESA ( ) as well as the Dutch seed association ( ), as well as APHIS and FAS. I very much hope that a representative of the Delegation will be able to join us as well. Please let me know who would be available.

Best regards,

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