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Subject: *[deleted - not relevant to the request]*
Report of the visit of Ditte Juul-Joergensen, Director DG Trade F, to Washington, 16-18 January 2013

Summary

Ditte Juul-Joergensen, accompanied by Martin Lukas, Luca DeCarli, Thomas Juergensen, and Christophe Kiener, were in Washington 16-18 January. *[deleted - not relevant to the request]*

Side meetings focused on *[deleted - not relevant to the request]* and issues related to potential EU-US bilateral negotiations on the other hand. *[deleted - not relevant to the request]*

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Regulatory:

US Chamber *[Art 4.1b]* stated that “if you deliver on SPS and TBT, then we will deliver on regulatory cooperation”; nobody was opposed to regulatory cooperation but people were sceptical whether Europe would be able to deliver on TBT and SPS. There was some concern that re TBT and SPS, an EU-US Agreement could end up with a lower standard than TPP. Regarding regulatory cooperation, while some concrete results should be achieved by the end of the negotiations (“early harvest”), it would be difficult to have regulators agree up front across the board; the most important part of an agreement would be to set a process in place which allows for harmonized approach to future regulation (the “gift that keeps on giving”).

Priority to put process in place was also echoed by Council of Foreign Relations scholar *[Art 4.1b]*, who also stressed the importance to get regulators to the table from early on in the process. The meeting with *[Art 4.1b]* focused mainly on *[Art 4.1b]* presenting his recent study on regulatory processes (see Delegation note of December for details).

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