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Re TACD's recommendations
concerning GATS-negotiations

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Dear Mr. Wallis,

As Chairman of the 133 Full Members Committee, I would like to thank you for your letter of 21 July, in which you ask for my views on the TACD's full recommendations on the GATS. The letter comes as a follow-up to a previous exchange of letters between your organisation and the ad-hoc 133 Committee (Services).

The issues that are put forward in your recommendations are very complex and I agree that it is important to take into account the comments voiced by all parties concerned. I have therefore taken due note of your remarks on the Article VI:4 negotiations under the GATS and I have passed them on to the European Commission who acts as the negotiator for the EC on trade matters.

As you pointed out, dialogue on these issues is important. I would therefore recommend to pursue discussions within the appropriate framework. In the present case, it is the existing Trans Atlantic Dialogue, which represents the adequate channel for exchanging views with representatives from the US government and from the European Commission.



Thanking you again for your constructive comments,

I remain,

Yours Sincerely,

Dirk J. Bruinsma

Chair of the 133 Full Members Committee

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