

Thank you Eimish and Good evening everyone

I would like to thank our hosts for this round Australia, Canada, Japan and Korea, thank you for your generosity and hard work for putting the logistics of this round together. I would Also like to take this opportunity to thank the EU for its efforts to put together the TiSA calendar for 2015.

I have number of points to address

Regarding the positive developments of this week

We have taken note of updates provided this morning in the MAs conversation. We are aware of the various messages heard in the horizontal, plenary discussion this morning, in relation to commitment related provisions, sectoral disciplines, standards in MAs, etc. we have some areas of concern, and I am sure that we are going back to our capitals with a good deal of food for thought.

While our fundamental objective in this negotiation is to raise the level of ambition and meet a best-FTA standard, we believe that sectoral disciplines should be consistent with the core text, but more importantly so, be able to meet a test of pragmatism and do-ability.

We have expressed some of the concerns and questions we currently have, and also have signalled our strong interest in certain specific proposals such as Canada's proposal on Environmental Services - which is a sector in which we are keen on seeing the level of ambition raised.

On the issue of proliferating proposals

In our view - while there is no group's decision on the matter - we may want to consider balancing the aim of focusing work on those proposals who seem to have gathered more support -- of course without sacrificing level of ambition.

As for Inter-sessional work

we are very positive about the inter-sessional work, it has certainly helped to bridge views and has assisted consolidation of text to some extent. We are happy to have taken part in some inter sessional work as well. Against the backdrop of transparency we operate here in TiSA, in the interest of time, we are encouraged by the initiative of continuing the conversation on some sticky points in the proposals inter-sessionally.

Regarding Initial MAs conversation

We are certainly encouraged by the initial MAs conversation that has begun here in Geneva. We have taken note of some parties' interests and highly appreciated the exchange of ideas that has been taking place. My Capital is working hard in consulting on the issues brought to us and reflecting on ways to improve our initial offer.

And finally the Issue of new members.

Talking about systemic issues, without ignoring that the work ahead of us is hard, we are aware as well that we need to continue working in order to multilateralise TiSA. In this vein, transparency is important for many. We have taken note of the emerging consensus that seems to be emerging in regards Uruguay and we join the consensus. Noting as well that this consensus emerges on the basis of two commitments: meeting the level of ambition, and not modify what has already been agreed to in the group.

Let me conclude by wishing everyone safe travels back home and of course happy holidays.