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Hi Maria,

Please see below the summary of today's meeting between our CAB and the European Services Forum.

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TRADE CAB: Kevin Keary (KK)
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- ESF gave an overview of their organisation and reiterated the importance of trade in services for the EU economy and exports.
- ESF acknowleged the Commission's and DG Trade's work including in WTO
 and bilateral trade negotiations. ESF is a strong supporter of the Joint
 Statement Initiatives on domestic regulation, e-commerce and investment
 facilitation in the WTO. They are also supportive of the WTO reform,
 including the strengtening of the WTO's monitoring capacity and dispute
 settlement mechanism.
- ESF would welcome improved statistics on bilateral trade in services, which
 currently do not sufficiently reflect the importance of services exports. They
 will engage with Eurostat and the national statistics authorities and asked
 for EVP's assistance on this. ESF advocated for DG Trade's website to give

more prominence to services trade, so as to reflect its importance in EU's trade relations.

ESF supports the Commission's position on data localisation but would like
to see an improvement on cross border data flows. Not only outgoing data
flows but also data incoming to the EU should be covered. ESF commented
on the Data Governance Act and noted that the extension of scope of
adequacy decision to non-personal data would cause problems to their
members.

Kind regards

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