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Dear Commissioner,

In view of the on-going Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) negotiations, BUSINESSEUROPE would like to share with you the recently adopted position paper on the Sustainability Chapter.

We believe TTIP offers an opportunity for the EU and the US to foster sustainability through trade and to go beyond any other free trade agreement concluded by either Party with regard to sustainability objectives.

While Parties should be free to define policies and measures adjusted to labour and environmental standards they deem appropriate, the sustainability chapter should encourage effective domestic implementation at central and sub-central level of core ILO Conventions and Environmental Agreements that have been ratified by the US or individual EU Member States.

We hope you will take our comments into account and in the meantime, we remain fully open to discuss these points with you and your services.

Yours sincerely,

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