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Statement By U.S. Trade Representative Michael Froman at the Close of the Fourth Round Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership Negotiations

“We have just wrapped up the fourth round of Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (T-TIP) negotiations in Brussels. I’m generally pleased with the progress that U.S. and EU negotiators made this week in the major areas of the negotiations. We know we have a lot of work ahead of us, but we have a good understanding of the key issues that need to be resolved. It is critical that we keep our eye on the goal of an ambitious and comprehensive agreement that makes our economies stronger.

“As has been the practice in all of the previous rounds, our negotiators engaged with several hundred stakeholder representatives, including leaders of civil society groups, on a broad range of issues. This kind of interaction helps us ensure that our trade policy is driven by the values that define and distinguish our economies and societies.

"President Obama looks forward to discussing T-TIP with European Council President Van Rompuy and European Commission President Barroso during their summit in Brussels on March 26."

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