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Cefic: [ ART 4.1b ]; [ ART 4.1b ] [ NOT RELEASABLE ] 2<sup>nd</sup> INTENTI

DG TRADE: JLD, Petros Sourmelis (G.3), Noreen Doyle (H.1), Flavia Bernardini (D.3), Benjamin Musall (G.3)

- [ ART 4.1b ] provided a quick overview of the **current economic situation of the EU chemicals industry**. After a 1.5% y-o-y production decrease in 2013, the industry expects a 1.5% increase for 2014. Cefic is worried that the overall share of the EU chemicals industry in world chemicals production has dropped from around 30% 15-20 years ago to now only around 17-18%. 2/3 of EU chemicals production is energy-intensive, but the share of energy costs in the overall production costs varies significantly depending on the sub-sector: e.g. 20-40% for plastics, 50-80% for petrochemicals and 60-80% for fertilizers.
- On TTIP, JLD stressed the importance of continued industry support. Business should be more vocal in defending TTIP publicly and in passing the message that TTIP is not about dismantling existing EU chemicals regulation. [ NOT RELEASABLE ]. On **regulatory cooperation**, JLD thanked Cefic for the joint contribution with the American Chemistry Council (ACC) [ NOT RELEASABLE ] AM 4.1 3<sup>rd</sup> INTENTI
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