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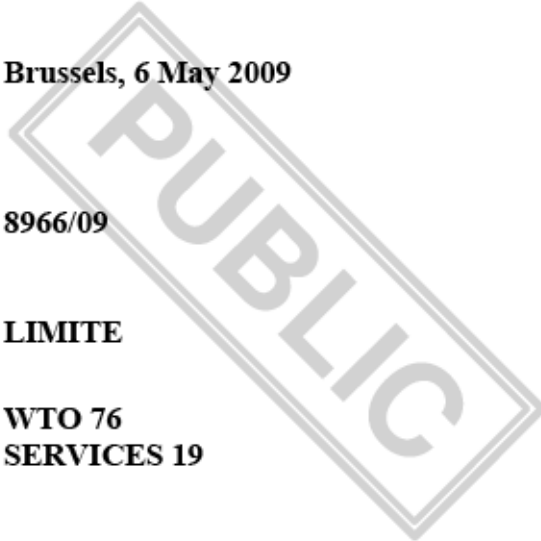
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1. Regional and bilateral issues

1.1. EU/Korea FTA: state of play

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The Presidency concluded that the Committee had discussed the latest developments and the revised Korean as well as EC offers. **DELETED**

1.2. EU/Ukraine FTA: state of play

The Commission debriefed on the last negotiations with Ukraine which had been overall positive ¹. **DELETED**

Delegations raised a number of questions, **DELETED**, and requested a de-brief in writing. One delegation presented a series of comments (ref. m.d. 54/09) **DELETED**.

The Presidency concluded that the Committee had asked the Commission, on grounds of previous commitments given by the Commission as to the information on FTA negotiations, to provide the Committee information on these negotiations in writing and that the next round would take place in the week starting 29th June. Member States would receive the list of exemptions beforehand.

¹ see as well 133 Committee m.d. 266/09, circulated on 22 April 2009.

1.3. EU/Central America negotiations: state of play

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The Committee would revert to the issue as convenient.

1.4. EPA negotiations (in particular Bahamas): state of play (m.d. 41/09)

The Commission informed on the last meeting with the Bahamas, held on 9 April 2009 in Brussels **DELETED** As to West Africa and ESA, meetings - formal or informal - would be held in April 2009 in Brussels while another such meeting with EAC had been postponed.

1.5. Denial of benefits clause in Free Trade Agreements (m.d. 58/09)

The Commission explained that this endeavour (DS 195/09) was aimed at the defensive and offensive interests of the EU alike - **DELETED** An upcoming experts' meeting (27 April) on Energy ² would discuss the matter further.

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The Committee would revert to the issue at a later stage.

2. WTO

2.1. Doha Development Agenda: state of play

The Commission referred to a comprehensive de-brief given to delegations in Geneva on the recent activities (30 March to 6 April 2009) undertaken there in the context of the DDA negotiations. **DELETED**

The Committee would continue to monitor the situation, **DELETED**

3. Any other business

There was none.

² cf. 133 Committee m.d. 262/09 COR 1, circulated on 22 April 2009