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## Spanish Presidency Flash

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### Next meetings of the Internal Market Working Party

#### Forced Labour Ban Regulation

Tuesday, 5th of September 2023

14:30

Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> of September 2023

Morning session 10:00

Afternoon session 14:30

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Dear colleagues,

From the FLB Presidency Team we are very pleased to greet you all once again and we hope you have enjoyed a well-deserved summer break.

We will be resuming the WP meetings on this file in early September, and in the next few sessions we will be discussing the articles related to **one of the most decisive phases of this regulation**: information, investigation and evidence to decide if a product is linked to forced labor.

We consider this a crucial and fundamental moment in this negotiation, given some of the concerns and issues that were pointed out in the last WP meeting. Therefore, it is vital to tackle these complex issues in an analytical manner as soon as possible, in order to advance in the negotiations of the proposal.

Due to some schedule overlaps with other Internal Market meetings, we have had to reschedule some of the WP session dates. Below you will find the new dates for the upcoming meetings in September and October:

- Tuesday, September 5th (afternoon session)
- Wednesday, September 6th (full day session)
- Monday, October 2nd (morning session)
- Tuesday, October 24th (afternoon session)

The session on September 5<sup>th</sup> (afternoon) will tackle the following points:

- Questions and answers regarding articles 6 and 7 (which were presented last meeting, July 13th)
- Enforcement in the EU and submission of information: review articles: 8,9, 30, 10 and 25

On September 6<sup>th</sup> (full day) we will also tackle:

- Competent authorities and their cooperation: articles 12,13,14 and 24
- Support tools and sources of information: articles 11, 23, 26, 21 and 22

We thank you, once again, for the work last session and we hope to see you on September with renewed energy.

Please feel free to contact us any time.

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Best wishes, the FLB Presidency Team, [Redacted name]