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## Industry Working Party Flash WP February 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>

Dear colleagues,

We are looking forward to welcoming you to the first two WP meetings where we prepare for the trilogues on the **Chips Act** and a first discussion on **A Green Deal Industrial Plan for the Net-Zero Age**.

Meeting on 20 February 2023

**Morning session - Chips Act** (starting at 10:00am)

We invite the delegations to comment on **difficulties of high importance on the text of the European Parliament in pillars one and two, including relevant definitions in Article 2**, while recalling that the following topics were at the centre of the Council negotiations: definitions such as “*first of a kind*”, the general and operational objectives setting the scope for the Initiative and the provisions on ECIC. But please, focus any interventions to important remarks related to EP amendments and do not repeat your general positions as from the Council negotiations, as these are already known to the Presidency.

At this meeting we would also like the delegations to **identify their position on the new elements in the European Parliament’s text** as concerns **IPR** (*touched upon in many provisions, inter alia in Article 4 and Article 20*) **trade secrets** (*touched upon in many provisions, inter alia Article 27a*) and **international cooperation** (*Article 26a*). Please be prepared to focus your interventions on giving arguments on why these new elements would be/would not be acceptable to you.

**Afternoon session - A Green Deal Industrial Plan for the Net-Zero Age** (starting 14:30)

This will be first time when we discuss the communication from the Commission, “A Green Deal Industrial Plan for the Net-Zero Age” in the Industry Working Party. The Commission will give a presentation of the communication and there will a possibility to raise questions on both the substance and the process.

### Meeting on 27 February 2023

The meeting on the **27<sup>th</sup> of February** (morning only starting at 10:00am) will be dedicated to the Chips Act. We would like the delegations to bring up **difficulties of high importance in pillar three of the European Parliament's text**, recalling that the following topics were at the centre of the Council negotiations: definitions such as "*critical sectors*", provisions relevant for triggering a crisis, the toolbox and the role and composition of the European Semiconductor Board. However, please focus interventions on related EP amendments such as the definition of "*semiconductor crisis*" (*Article 2 (16a)*).

At this meeting we would also like the delegations to identify their position on the new elements in the European Parliament's text as concerns **mapping** (*Article 14 a, but also found in several Articles in pillar 3*) and issues related to **due diligence** (for example Article 16p.2). Please be prepared to focus your interventions on giving arguments on why these new topics suggested by the EP would be / would not be acceptable to you.

The Budget will not be on the agenda for the meetings on the 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>.

As always if there are any questions, you are most welcome to contact us!

Best regards,

SE Presidency Industry Working Party Team