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Mrs. Cecilia Malmström EU Commissioner Trade European Commission Rue de la Loi / Wetstraat 200 1049 Brussels Belgium

Dear Commissioner Malmström,

As we are aware a team of European Commission's DG Trade is negotiating with the US Department of Commerce the Transatlantic Trade and investment Partnership between the European Union and the United States of America since June 2013.

During these negotiations several European Governments have requested to advance in the development of professional engineering services. This matter is capital for the potential exporting of engineering services to the US for SMEs in our sector.

The European Council of Civil Engineers (ECCE) which I preside would like to state herewith its significant interest in the continuation of such negotiations and we would like to request the DG Trade to bring up to the negotiations' table the professional engineering services.

ECCE was created in 1985 out of the common concern of the professional bodies for Civil Engineers in Europe that the Civil Engineers working together across Europe could offer much more to assist modern European society with sustainable designs, practical use of research & development, and economic and well funding structures. ECCE represents Civil Engineers in Europe through the participation of 24 National Civil Engineering Professional Organisations and is the voice of the European Civil Engineers.

I hope that you will take our request under consideration.

Looking forward to the reactivation of the TTIP negotiations on professional engineering services,

Yours sincerely,

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