

European Services Forum

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Subject: Informal Meeting between ESF and Members of the "133 Committee Ad-

Hoc on Services" of the European Union Council

- Brussels, Monday, 4th December 2006 -

Dear Mrs. Korolainen.

First of all, I would like to thank you for agreeing to our request for an informal meeting with Members of the "133 Committee Ad Hoc on Services", of which you are Chairman under the Finnish Presidency. At a time where the WTO DDA talks are suspended and where the EU is adopting a new trade policy, ESF members are indeed interested on continuing an informal dialogue between services trade negotiators and the European services industry.

The meeting will take place in <u>Brussels</u>, on <u>Monday</u>, 4th <u>December 2006</u> in the Room "Europe" of the UNICE Building (lower floor), situated at 168, avenue de Cortenbergh, 1000 Brussels (10mn walking distance from Shuman Roundabout and the EU Council Building - Metro "Shuman"). Christopher Roberts, ESF Policy Committee Chairman, will chair the meeting, which will start at <u>17.00</u>. A <u>draft agenda</u> for the meeting is enclosed. If you have any suggestions or comments, please do not hesitate to forward them to the ESF Secretariat at your earliest convenience.

Following the meeting, ESF will have the pleasure of inviting all the participants to a **cocktail** that should end at around **20.00**.

I should be very grateful if you would forward this invitation to all the Committee members. Also, for administrative purposes, I would appreciate you or the General Secretariat of the EU Council providing me with a list of delegates who attend the meeting and the cocktail. Alternatively, attending members can complete and send the <u>attached Attendance Form</u> directly to the ESF Secretariat by the indicated date. As with previous meetings, the EC Commission officials from DG Trade Services Unit are also invited to attend the meeting and the cocktail.

I look forward to seeing you on the 4th December 2006.

Yours sincerely,

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Cc: Mr. Olli Mattila – General Secretariat of the Council of the European Union.

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