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From:	Bernd Lange
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To:	Jeppe Tranholm-Mikkelsen, Marten Van den Berg
Subject:	Request for transmission of the trade part of the negotiating directives for the modernised Global Agreement with Mexico

Delegations will find attached a letter from the INTA Committee of the European Parliament requesting transmission of the trade part of the negotiating directives for the modernised Global Agreement with Mexico.

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Committee on International Trade
The Chairman

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Mr Jeppe TRANHOLM -MIKKELSEN,
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Dear Mr Tranholm-Mikkelsen, dear Mr van den Berg,

It has come to my attention that the Council on 23 May 2016 adopted a decision authorising the opening of negotiations and negotiating directives for a modernised Global Agreement with Mexico. I am writing to you to request a transmission of that decision and the trade part of the negotiating directives to the European Parliament, without delay.

The European Parliament's right under Article 218(10) TFEU to be 'immediately and fully informed at all stages of the procedure' for negotiating and concluding international agreements envisaged in that article is also enshrined in the Interinstitutional Agreement of 12 March 2014 between the European Parliament and the Council concerning the forwarding to and handling by the European Parliament of classified information held by the Council on matters other than those in the area of the common foreign and security policy.

In accordance with Article 5(4) of the Interinstitutional Agreement of 12 March 2014, we are together to determine to whom of the subjects listed therein, access to these directives may be granted, as well as any specific handling arrangements, should the referred Council decision and directives include classified information.

I invite the Council to grant access to the decision and the directives to all Members of the Committee on International Trade. Bearing in mind that the Parliament's rules governing the treatment of confidential information provide equivalent standards of protection and compatibility with the rules adopted by the Council, no specific handling arrangements are needed.

Yours sincerely,



Bernd Lange

Cc: Jim Cloos, Deputy Director-General, Council of the European Union General Secretariat