



EU-China Investment Agreement: Report of the 14th Round of negotiations

Brussels – 11 to 14 July 2017

The 14th round of the EU-China investment negotiations took place in Brussels from the 11th to the 14th of July 2017.

The agenda of the round contained core issues of the negotiation. The exchanges were constructive and both sides made genuine efforts to seek common ground and identify balanced solutions in an effort to bridge the gaps in their respective positions.

In particular, EU and China discussed the general principles to be observed during the setting up of licensing and qualification requirements as well as during the conduct of licensing and qualification procedures.

In addition, the EU and China discussed the detailed transparency rules that should apply in order to ensure that EU and Chinese investors are appropriately informed about the applicable legal framework and are given a reasonable opportunity to comment on planned laws. Discussions on transparency also touched upon information channeled through contact points and fundamental principles to be respected during the conduct of administrative and judicial proceedings.

Regarding the definition of investment the EU and China exchanged views on the different forms of investment.

Finally, with respect to expropriation discussions touched upon all key points with respect to the conditions of lawful expropriation, while both sides also exchanged views on the guidance interpreting indirect expropriation.

Next steps:

- Round 15: week of 9 October in Beijing
- Round 16: week of 4 December or week of 11 December in Brussels