



Report of the 17th round of negotiations for the EU-China Investment Agreement

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Participants:

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The 17th round of the EU-China investment agreement negotiations took place in Beijing from the 22nd to the 24th of May 2018.

The bilateral talks covered the following provisions and topics: (i) expropriation; (ii) national treatment and related issues such as general exceptions, special formalities and information requirements; (iii) fair and equitable treatment; (iv) dispute settlement and (v) sustainable development.

The discussions were constructive and led to some concrete progress on expropriation and on certain aspects of dispute settlement where text-based exchanges were already advanced. The discussions on national treatment and fair and equitable treatment will require further technical follow up, along the path outlined by the Chief Negotiators. Lastly, on sustainable development, while revisiting the respective sensitivities and key requests, both sides outlined a work agenda for the expert discussions on the investment-related aspects of environment and labour to be organized in the coming months.

Next steps:

The teams have tentatively agreed to meet again before the summer break; the exact format, agenda and timing are yet to be confirmed.

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