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Dear Mr Boleat,  
Dear Mr Villeneuve,  
Dear Ms Levy-Garboua,

Thank you for your letter of 14<sup>th</sup> April 2014 setting out the views of City of London and Paris Europlace on regulatory cooperation in financial services in the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP).

Let me assure you that we fully share your assessment of the importance of financial services regulation in the context of TTIP negotiations.

Following the financial crisis in 2007, strengthening financial stability became a priority of the EU. However, despite large-scale reforms introduced to the EU financial system, further actions are necessary to strengthen global stability. In particular, the financial crisis has shown in stark clarity that financial markets are global and deeply interconnected. Consequently, financial stability cannot be served by a fragmented regulatory approach, inconsistent rules and low level of co-operation among supervisors.

Therefore, the EU has proposed establishing a regulatory framework in TTIP for the cooperation between the EU and the US regulators and supervisors. According to the EU proposal, the regulatory cooperation with the US would be based on internationally agreed standards and would aim at more coherence in financial regulation. This shall contribute to preventing future crises. Furthermore, by bridging regulatory divergences we would create a larger and more efficient market place for EU and US financial firms as well as consumers.

We trust that we will be able to find common ground with our US counterparts on this issue and we count on the industry's continued support.

Yours sincerely,

  
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