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Dear Cecilia,

following the discussion we had at last FAC Trade on CETA, I would like to inform you that Italy, after a technical and political assessment, is ready to consider to support the Commission on the "EU only" nature of abovementioned agreement.

As I mentioned during my intervention at the Council, Italy considers the CETA a milestone agreement whose failure could have major negative consequences for the EU trade policy and for the credibility of Europe as reliable trade partner.

This national position stands only for this specific case and it is without prejudice for the Italian evaluation on other agreements, whose content has to be considered case by case, starting from TTIP.

I remain available to further discuss this issue with you and the other trade Ministers.

Please accept my warmest regards

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President of the European Commission

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