# Second meeting of the Civil Society Dialogue on the Trade Sustainability Impact Assessment (SIA) in support of negotiations with India

The purpose of this second meeting is to present to EU civil society organisations the state of play of ongoing work [in the interim phase] on the Trade Sustainability Impact Assessment (SIA) in support of Negotiations with India, considering the preliminary findings of the economic, social, human rights and environmental analyses as well as stakeholders consultation activities.

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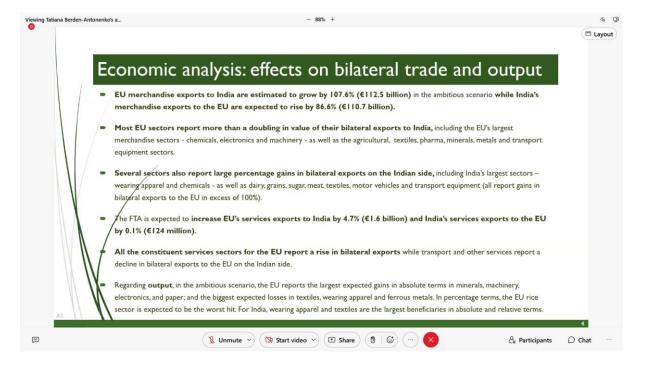
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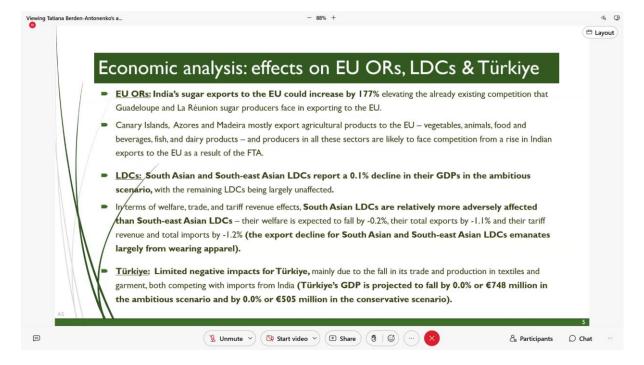
### **Speakers**

#### **Lead speakers**

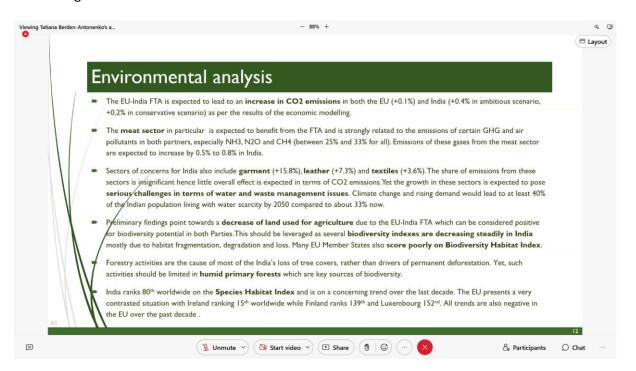
- Christophe Kiener Head of Unit South and South-East Asia, Australia, New Zealand
   Directorate-General for Trade, European Commission
- 4<sup>th</sup> round of negotiations had been positive but positions remain far apart still
- 5<sup>th</sup> round will take place in Delhi week of 19 June, building on limited momentum of 4<sup>th</sup> round and extending progress
- 26-28 June will be next round on investment protection, and 4<sup>th</sup> round of GI negotiations will take place on 11-14 July in Delhi
- 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of EU India TTC on 16 May, lots of bilateral interaction on the sidelines on the trade chapter
- SIA study team led by Trade Impact BV

Interim results presented by Anirudh Shinghal

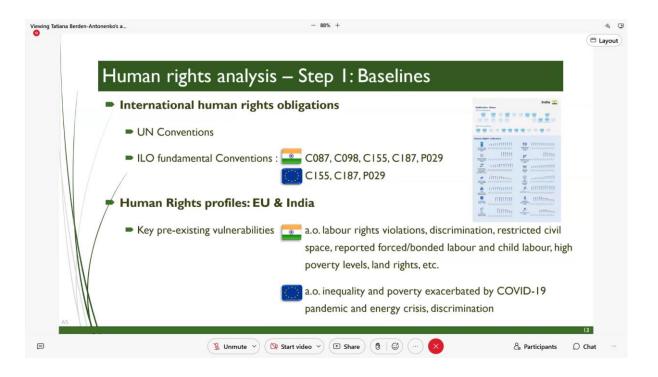




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## **Christophe Kiener (DG TRADE)**

- No discussions yet on the Market Access, this is still very early stages and the discussions are just at the point of looking at the very broadest possible parameters (ambition level etc.)
- All EU legislation will have to respected for all Indian imports
- No link between specific sector and the TSD provisions, but EU has made clear a strong TSD chapter is needed for the FTA
- India has identified TSD as by far the most difficult issue in the negotiations, with reactions from India being far from min. level of ambition to be credibly able to present an agreement to stakeholders

- No contradiction with what Sabine said, about how TSD has to be approached for India FTA.
- A strong TSD chapter will be needed in order for the FTA to be ratified by the EP and Council
- India has positioned itself very strongly in relation to the TSD being against the TSD approach
  of the EU, and the TSD presents sensitivities and the Commission will have to see what it can
  do about this. The Commission will have to readjust its initial approach, in full coordination
  with MS and EP