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[Art. 4.1b] and myself today had a meeting with [Art. 4.1b], IBM's global lead on trade, on TTIP and digital issues.

Highlights of the meeting:

- [NOT RELEASABLE]. They have a particular interest in a provision that ensures free data flows. The objective would not be to address data flow restrictions in the EU, but to set a benchmark that could help addressing issues in countries such [NOT RELEASABLE].
- We provided a general update on the TTIP negotiations and the political context, in particular as regards data.
- [NOT RELEVANT]
- COM referred to EU interest in an ambitious mobility package beyond mode 4. IBM agreed that this would be valuable from a business perspective. COM encouraged IBM to signal its specific interests on a mobility package in the internal US debate, [NOT RELEASABLE].

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