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Dear all,

I am writing to confirm the date of a preliminary meeting at official level to discuss the programme of talks – 25 February.

I hope that you can agree an agenda, including topics for discussion and the most appropriate order, so that the talks can begin as quickly as possible. In order to support this discussion, I can confirm that the talks will include the main meetings to discuss policy implementation, stocktake meetings for information only, and meetings to discuss how any possible changes would affect existing trade disputes.

As I have made clear, this will be the only programme of talks about policy implementation, as it is only right that the whole profession is represented. All representative organisations will be invited to all meetings within the programme of talks, and it will be up to each organisation to decide which meetings they will attend.

I look forward to hearing the outcomes of the preliminary meeting and hope that quick progress can be made.

MICHAEL GOVE