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Worth a read for the latest on KORUS and TPP.

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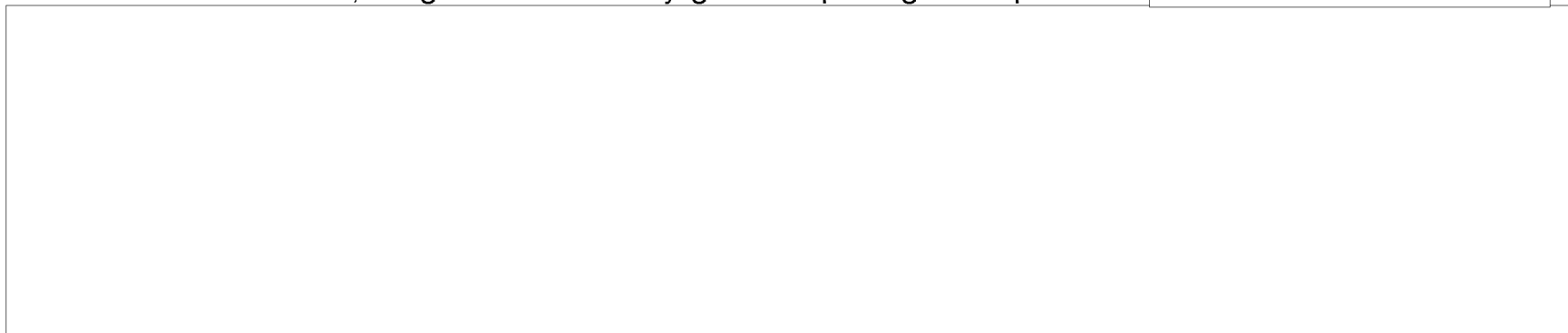
Jake –

Nirav said that at your Monday meeting you showed interest in knowing more about the status of our FTA efforts and what State might do to help.

KORUS: On the U.S. side, things look reasonably good for passage in September.



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On the Korean side, the National Assembly's Foreign Affairs, Trade and Unification Committee (FATU) may pass the FTA out of committee on or about August 30, at the end of a special summer National Assembly session. The ruling and opposition parties are debating the terms of the FTA, with most energy focused by the opposition on increasing the size of economic support measures for Korean farmers disadvantaged by the FTA. The ruling party has the votes to railroad the FTA through committee and plenary, but wants to avoid a repeat of previous violent legislative scenes, which the Korean public tends to blame on both parties. If the FATU passes the FTA out of committee this month, then the Blue House will watch for Capitol Hill progress before seeking passage by the full National Assembly passage. The Koreans and USG would of course both like to see this all done before President Lee's mid-October visit to Washington .

The role of State should continue to be to remind Americans of the strategic imperative of completing the FTA, as well as to consult closely with the ROKG to help keep things on track in Seoul.

Trans-Pacific Partnership: The next round of talks will be hosted by us in Chicago during the week after Labor Day. Overall, negotiations are roughly on track, but some working groups have fallen behind [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] The FTA as envisioned by the parties is very complex, and talks are time-consuming given the need for consultations among nine members. The most difficult commercial and legal issues will start to be tackled in Chicago, with negotiations continuing in late October in Lima. The goal remains to announce the “broad outlines” of the pact when the TPP Leaders meet in the morning of November 12 in Honolulu. It is clear that negotiations will continue well into 2012, likely until the summer, with the legal scrubbing and translation-checking process following that – meaning that the President may be in a position to seek legislative action in early 2013.

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The State Department’s role for the coming months will be to participate in whole-of-government consistent messaging at all levels with the TPP partners, emphasizing our strong determination to complete the agreement along with our insistence on ambitious market opening. There are also country-specific messages to deliver. A key element of this is to involve our Ambassadors, and we have taken steps to ensure this happens, including having Embassy economic officers join all the TPP negotiating rounds. State Department principals should also aid the messaging, such as during Deputy Secretary Burns’ upcoming trip to Lima and Santiago and Deputy Secretary Nides’ visit to New Zealand. [REDACTED]
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Please let me know if you need more information or if EAP can be of help in any way.

Cheers, Kurt

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