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**Ms. Sunaina Tomar**  
Joint Secretary  
Ministry of Textiles  
Udyog Bhavan  
New Delhi

**Ref: India – EU FTA**

**Sub: Textile Industry recommendation for “Zero to Zero” Tariff Arrangement**

Dear Ms. Tomar,

I am writing this to confirm our stand regarding India-EU FTA. CITI is pleased to recommend “Zero to Zero” Tariff arrangement for India-EU FTA that is currently under discussion. This would mean that India will permit import of all Textile Products from EU at “Zero” Basic Customs Duty, while other components like CVD or any additional / special duties / levies will be applicable and vice versa.

Correspondingly, India would also get zero tariff benefit in EU markets which should bring it on par with competing countries like Bangladesh, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Vietnam, Egypt which have a "zero duty" access into the EU Market.

Industry had recommended and confirmed similar Zero for Zero Basic Customs Duty on Textile Products for the earlier round of discussions and is pleased to confirm that there is no change in our stand. In fact, Industry is looking forward to early conclusion of negotiations and opening bilateral trade between India & EU countries.

Kindly do not hesitate to contact us for any further information or clarifications.

Industry is committed to support the negotiation and hoping for an early conclusion.

Kind Regards,

**(Naishadh Parikh)**  
Chairman