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Subject: Measure Relating to Investments in Offshore Wind Installations (DS625)

Dear Minister Kuo,

Thank you for your letter of 5 November 2024, in which you set out your government's intentions to address the EU's concerns expressed in the EU's request for consultations in the above-mentioned matter.

From your letter, we understand that your government's primary objective concerning Phase 3.2 is to ensure grid connection as scheduled. We further understand that with a view to achieving this overarching objective, your government is committed to expanding implementation flexibility. Thus, we understand that the review scheme you envisage to implement will provide developers with more flexibility, compared to previous rounds, to modify their industrial relevance plans where they encounter difficulties.

Concerning future offshore wind capacity allocation auctions, we understand that the government will not include any localisation requirements. Developers will thus not be required to meet any specific localisation level as part of the eligibility conditions, nor will localisation be included in the award criteria.

Based on the understanding that your government's intentions regarding Phase 3.2 will introduce significant additional implementation flexibility, facilitating grid connection as scheduled and effectively addressing implementation difficulties faced by developers in the past, as well as based on your clear commitment not to include localisation requirements in future allocation rounds, I believe that we have identified a sensible way forward. Provided these plans are now implemented in practice and in line with our understanding, I am confident that we will not have to take this matter further in the WTO.

Yours sincerely,

Sabine WEYAND