**Pavel Telička,** *on behalf of the ALDE Group***.** – Madam President, thank you for the debriefing that we received. I do not want to reiterate what has been said, and I think there are a number of important points. The reconfirmed commitment to growth, innovation, facilitation of investment and liberalisation of free trade is, of course, highly relevant. I also appreciate that China committed itself to free trade and to fight protectionism, and of course the decision to set up a global monitoring entity for the over-production of steel is highly relevant, especially nowadays for Europe.

In this respect it would be interesting to know from the Commissioner what will precede the work at multilateral level, how we are going to perceive it and whether the Commission has already considered the technicalities.

I would like a bit more information on two points. On refugees, to which the Minister devoted some time, I think that the recognition of the problem might not be entirely sufficient. Secondly, we know that Putin met Obama on the sidelines of the summit and that a deal has been brokered on a ceasefire but I wonder why we do not have anything in the conclusions from the G20 summit. I think that, both on the refugee crisis and on this, this does not send the best signal.

However, my main point is the following: while there is a recommitment to free trade, I wonder how credible the EU is in reconfirming this with its international partners if, at the same time, while on the one hand we are talking multilateral liberalisation, bilateral agreements and so on, we have, on the other, voices in Germany, France and elsewhere in Europe saying that the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership – an important free trade agreement – is basically dead.

We know what the Commission had to say but I wonder how the Council, and how the Presidency, will react on the issue, because this is definitely a hit to the credibility of the European Union.