Feedback Report: OECD Workshop on Technology Transfer

To: European Engineers (ENGINEERS EUROPE)
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1. Context and Main Issue

The primary focus of the OECD trade workshop, titled "The Enabling Environment for Technology Transfer," was to discuss the dynamics, challenges, and necessary frameworks to facilitate effective technology transfer on a global scale. The deliberations spanned across multiple critical sectors, including Artificial Intelligence (AI), cybersecurity, bio-pharmaceuticals, agriculture, and chemicals. A central issue identified during the session was the need for open, stable, and predictable trade rules, as well as the necessity to overcome the competitive gap caused by regulatory fragmentation—particularly highlighting Europe's division into 27 micro-markets compared to the large, homogeneous markets of the United States and Asia.

2. Participants and Key Stakeholders

The workshop gathered a diverse and high-level group of institutional and private sector representatives. Key participants and organizers included:

- **Institutions:** Representatives from the OECD, the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), the World Trade Organization (WTO), and the Permanent Delegation of Japan to the OECD (who hosted the exchange).
- **Organizers & Moderators:** The discussion was guided by Benedicte Fleischer, with special thanks to organizers Julia Nielson, Benjamin Nikolov, Dominik Kümmerle, and Business at OECD (BIAC).
- **Panelists:** Eng. Mattia Siciliano (representing European engineers), alongside Christina Wainikka, Jason B., and representatives from the innovative bio-pharmaceutical industry (IFPMA).

3. My Contribution on behalf of European Engineers

During the panel, I represented the voice of European engineers, focusing specifically on AI, cybersecurity, and digital resilience as the true engines of innovation. I emphasized that technology transfer in these domains cannot occur without prioritizing security within complex, interconnected supply chains. To concretely support technology transfer and protect intellectual property, I formally shared three essential proposals for governments:

- Regulatory Harmonization and Interoperability: The urgent need to streamline the European regulatory framework and push for interoperable, globally shared cybersecurity standards, transforming compliance from a barrier into a common language.
- Targeted Tax Relief and Incentives: The introduction of super/hyper-amortization regimes for cyber investments, structural tax credits to absorb compliance and certification costs, and harmonized European Patent Boxes to keep intellectual property in Europe.
- Strategic Support for Intellectual Property: The necessity for governments to support innovators with dedicated advisory desks and funds to protect their know-how during international tech transfer processes.

4. Perception and Overall Feedback

The contribution was perceived very positively and aligned seamlessly with the broader consensus of the workshop. Despite the diversity of the sectors represented (from AI to agriculture and bio-pharma), there was a strong, shared agreement on fundamental priorities. My points on supply chain security and the need to reduce regulatory barriers were strongly echoed by other panelists, who similarly advocated for stable policies and secure supply chains to translate innovation into real-world access.

Furthermore, it was highly encouraging to hear major international bodies (WIPO, WTO, and OECD) explicitly underscore the importance of IP protection, voluntary licensing, and supply chain security. The private sector's engagement was recognized as integral to shaping a resilient and effective technology transfer system. Overall, the proposals presented on behalf of European engineers resonated well as practical, necessary steps toward a synergistic global ecosystem.