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Dear Ms Smith

**Re: Question on notice re “how would you accredit people coming into that process?”**

As per my original response, ACCI is aware that the US Government has a system of “accredited advisers” which may provide a model which could assist with further contemplation on this matter.

More information can be found at the USTR website <http://www.ustr.gov/about-us/intergovernmental-affairs/advisory-committees>, which includes the following text:  
*The advisory committee system, established by the U.S. Congress in 1974, was created to ensure that U.S. trade policy and trade negotiating objectives adequately reflect U.S. public and private sector interests. The advisory committee system consists of 28 advisory committees, with a total membership of approximately 700 citizen advisors.*

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I hope this assists with your consideration of this question.

Regards

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