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Pedro Velasco Martins is an official at the Directorate-General for Trade of the European Commission, since 1996.

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Previously, he worked in the area of Trade Defence Instruments (Anti-dumping) for 6 years.

Before entering the European Commission, Mr. Velasco Martins was a lawyer between 1993 and 1996. After becoming a member of the Lisbon Bar Association, he worked as a Partner in the law firm *Macedo Vitorino & Associados*. His main areas of activity were in the fields of business, aeronautical, banking and financial law.

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