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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure

on the new conditions on debt restructuring contained in the transatlantic treaty documents

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on the new conditions on debt restructuring contained in the transatlantic treaty documents

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas, according to a document relating to negotiations on the transatlantic treaty submitted by Cecilia Malmström, Commissioner for Trade, states facing excessive public debt and dynamics that have become unsustainable may only restructure their debts, extend maturities or push back deadlines if over two thirds of investors and lenders are in agreement with the new repayment conditions;
- B. whereas these items are liable to have a severe impact on the sovereignty of a state and give rise to a situation resembling debt peonage, as debtors will be able to demand exorbitant compensation in the event of restructuring;
- C. whereas public debt plays an essential role for financial investors since it makes it possible to meet demand for safe assets and to avoid the risk of a ‘security trap’;
- D. whereas, in addition, under certain circumstances a sovereign default could be optimal for an intractable debt crisis, as demonstrated by Ugo Panizza and Eduardo Borensztein in a study published by the IMF;
- 1. Requests that the Commission expressly remove these outdated items from the negotiations on the transatlantic treaty.