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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure

on excluding public services from the scope of trade negotiations

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on excluding public services from the scope of trade negotiations

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas the Commission is negotiating two significant trade agreements, one with the US and the other with Canada;
- B. whereas, if concluded, the agreements will jeopardise the regulatory powers of governments and access to basic services for EU citizens and, hence, the future of public services in the Member States;
- C. whereas a report published by several NGOs entitled ‘Public services under attack’ has highlighted the secret collusion between business lobbyists pushing for further deregulation of public services and trade negotiators in the context of the drafting of international trade agreements;
- D. whereas multinational companies have successfully lobbied against the exclusion of public services from the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) and the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP), with the result that these agreements will apply to almost all services;
- E. whereas the few reservations and exemptions contained in the agreements are not sufficient to protect the public sector;
- 1. Calls on the Commission, if it cannot withdraw from the negotiations altogether, to specify once and for all that public services are excluded from the scope of trade agreements.