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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure

on exclusion of the agricultural sector from the Transatlantic Treaty
negotiations

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on exclusion of the agricultural sector from the Transatlantic Treaty negotiations

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas negotiations on the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership agreement resumed on 22 February 2016;
- B. whereas the US exports 15 000 tonnes of meat annually to the EU, an amount that could increase to 300 000 or even 600 000 tonnes;
- C. whereas the value of European agricultural production could fall by 0.8 % between now and 2025, thereby aggravating the crisis being faced by farmers;
- D. whereas the predictive economic models used by the Commission do not in practice stand up to scrutiny, since in 2014 a study carried out by David Autor, David Dorn and Gordon Hanson revealed the adverse effects of increased exposure to international competition on pay and employment levels;
- E. whereas the negotiations are being conducted in an atmosphere of secrecy bordering on the ridiculous;
- 1. Calls on the Commission to halt the Transatlantic Treaty negotiations or, failing that, to exclude the agricultural sector from the scope thereof;
- 1. Calls for the future agreement to be submitted to the national parliaments for ratification.