



Plenary sitting

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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure

on the trade agreement between the European Union and Japan

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on the trade agreement between the European Union and Japan

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas, according to the Commissioner with responsibility for jobs and competitiveness, the European Union and Japan will sign a free trade agreement by the end of the year;
- B. whereas these negotiations are being driven by the same economic dogma, i.e. that lowering tariff and non-tariff barriers is necessarily favourable to growth and employment on both sides;
- C. whereas, however, according to a study by the Bank of France, Chinese competition was responsible for at least 13% of industrial job losses in France between 2001 and 2007, proving that globalisation is not a win-win game;
- D. whereas economic patriotism is a strong part of the mindset of Japanese consumers, which explains, for example, why the penetration rate of Japanese cars in the European market is much higher than that of European cars in the Japanese market;
- 1. Calls on the Commission to postpone the signing of the trade agreement and to acknowledge that it is a mixed agreement, which would require ratification by national parliaments.