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Amendment 1

Tiziana Beghin, Rosa D'Amato
on behalf of the EFDD Group

Motion for a resolution

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Bernd Lange

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Recital H

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H. whereas the Trump administration has initiated a similar investigation into imports of motor vehicles and automotive parts, which could lead to increased tariffs on imports of such goods from the EU; ***whereas the US Department of Commerce report with a recommendation on whether or not the US should adopt import restrictions on cars for national security reasons is due for release;***

H. whereas the Trump administration has initiated a similar investigation into imports of motor vehicles and automotive parts ***and into titanium sponge used for military aircraft, satellites, critical infrastructure and biomedical devices,*** which could lead to increased tariffs on imports of such goods from the EU;

Or. en

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Amendment 2

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Paragraph 2

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2. ***Reiterates that the EU should*** not negotiate with the US under threat; ***notes, however, that the recommendations to open negotiations for a WTO compliant agreement are essential to uphold and fully implement the commitments agreed between the EU and the US in the Statement,***

2. ***Supports the line of the Commission*** not to negotiate with the US under threat; ***is surprised, therefore, that the Commission recommends opening negotiations for a WTO compliant free trade agreement;***

Or. en

Amendment 3

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6. ***Reiterates that neither the EU nor the US negotiating directives envisage a resumption of the TTIP negotiations; takes the view that a limited agreement with the US on the elimination of tariffs for industrial goods, including cars, and which takes European industrial sensitivities related to the difference in energy and regulatory costs into account, as well as a conformity assessment agreement with no changes to EU standards and rules, could pave the way to launching a new process to work towards mutually beneficial trade relations and thereby ease current trade tensions; emphasises that any agreement must be compatible with WTO rules and obligations, including GATT Article XXIV; notes that the Commission's recommendations to open negotiations should not be construed as an indication that it would be willing to derogate from existing trade and investment policies as outlined in the Trade for All strategy;***

6. Takes the view that a limited agreement with the US on the elimination of tariffs for industrial goods ***derogates from*** the Commission's ***comprehensive Trade for All Strategy, which also includes enforceable labour and environmental standards, and risks being incompatible with GATT Article XXIV if the automobile sector is excluded; takes note of the Commission's reasoning of special circumstances for pursuing this approach;***

Or. en

Amendment 4**Tiziana Beghin, Rosa D'Amato**

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Motion for a resolution**Paragraph 12***Motion for a resolution**Amendment*

12. Believes that ***the conclusion of*** a trade and conformity assessment agreement with the US under the above mentioned conditions ***does*** not reflect the general principles of EU trade agreements; believes, however, that, given the exceptional circumstances, ***the opening of negotiations of*** an agreement with a limited scope and articulated red lines with the US ***has the potential to produce an outcome that*** could be in the ***interests*** of European citizens, ***societies*** and businesses, ***in particular SMEs, could generate economic growth, as well as establish a more positive climate between the partners that could help them to tackle global challenges together, including the reform of the WTO,*** by contributing to overcoming the current trade ***deadlock***, but can only be successful and would only be in conformity with a values-based EU trade policy if the following minimum conditions are met:

(1) The lifting of tariffs on aluminium and steel ***pursuant to Section 232*** of the ***US Trade Expansion Act of 1962*** before ***the conclusion of the agreement***;

(2) A comprehensive consultation process with civil society and ***a sustainability*** impact assessment of the

12. Believes that ***negotiations on*** a trade agreement with the US under the above mentioned conditions ***do*** not reflect the general principles of EU trade agreements; believes, however, that, given the exceptional circumstances, negotiations ***on*** an agreement with a limited scope and articulated red lines with the US could ***potentially*** be in the ***interest*** of European citizens and businesses by contributing to overcoming the current trade ***impasse***, but can only be successful and would only be in conformity with a values-based EU trade policy if the following minimum ***pre-***conditions are met:

(1) The lifting of tariffs on aluminium and steel ***and the withdrawal of the threat of tariffs on cars and car parts and other products*** before ***negotiations start***;

(2) A comprehensive consultation process with civil society and ***an*** impact assessment of the proposed agreement, ***including its potential impact on CO2 emissions in line with commitments from the Paris Climate Agreement and other multilateral environmental agreements***;

(3) ***A clear commitment to include cars and car parts in the negotiations and to duly take into account the sensitivities***

proposed agreement, and the *taking* into account of the *impact assessments and studies already carried out in this field*;

of the *fisheries sector in Europe*;

(4) *A clear commitment to exclude agriculture from the negotiations*;

(5) *More clarity concerning how rules of origin are going to be dealt with in the negotiations*;

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Amendment 5

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Paragraph 13

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13. Calls, therefore, on the Council to ***take these considerations into account when adopting*** the negotiating directives ***and to ensure:***

- ***a clear commitment in the EU mandate to include cars and car parts in the negotiations,***
- ***greater clarity concerning how rules of origin are going to be dealt with in the negotiations,***
- ***that agriculture is excluded from the scope of the negotiations,***
- ***the inclusion of a suspension clause in the negotiating mandate to be triggered at any time should the US impose additional tariffs or other trade restrictive measures on EU products, either on the basis of Section 232 of the 1962 Trade Expansion Act or Section 301 of the 1974 Trade Act or any other similar US law during negotiations or before such negotiations start;***

13. Calls, therefore, on the Council ***not to endorse*** the negotiating directives ***in their present form;***

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Amendment 6

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Paragraph 13 a (new)

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13a. Calls on the Council to revoke the negotiating directives for a transatlantic trade and investment partnership (TTIP) with the United States before adopting any new mandate concerning trade negotiations between the EU and the US;

Or. en