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to the Commission**
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Subject: TTIP

The free trade agreement between the EU and the US, or TTIP for short, is at the negotiation stage. Unfortunately, little is known about the outcome of the individual rounds of negotiations, the latest having taken place in July.

One of the most controversial aspects of the agreement is the investor-state dispute settlement mechanism. Recent experience in several countries suggests that a mechanism of this sort almost invariably works to the disadvantage of states, which lose sovereignty in relation to large multinational corporations, which, when they have mounted a challenge, have won in practically every case.

In response to this amply justified criticism, the Commission announced that it would suspend the negotiations for three months in order to consult the European public.

Can the Commission provide information about this consultation on the question whether the TTIP should provide for dispute settlement in the form described above?