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to the Commission**

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Subject: EU-Taiwan trade relations

On 9 October 2013, Parliament passed a resolution on EU-Taiwan trade relations<sup>1</sup>, expressing its support for launching negotiations on an investment protection agreement (bilateral investment agreement, or BIA) and on market access between the EU and Taiwan.

Taiwan is a major world economy and a top investor in mainland China. However, the EU is currently negotiating a BIA with the People's Republic of China.

Given the above, when will the Commission start trade-related talks with Taiwan on investment protection and market access, as specified in Parliament's resolution, in order to further EU-Taiwan trade relations?

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<sup>1</sup> Texts adopted, P7\_TA(2013)0412.