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to the Commission
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Subject: Coherence of development policies and investment agreements

Article 208 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU) makes coherence of policies on development a legal obligation. The Communication of the European Commission on trade and development of 27 January 2012 also refers to this obligation.

However, many trade and investment treaties between the EU and developing countries include clauses on intellectual property rights that may be contrary to the principle of coherence in development policies and may undermine those countries' capacities for development.

Will the European Union establish an obligation for independent analyses to be carried out from time to time on the effects of intellectual property clauses in trade and partnership agreements with developing countries?