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to the Commission**

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Subject: Deregulation and liberalisation under the TiSA

The Commission is currently negotiating the TiSA agreement, which among other things will eliminate all kinds of trade barriers among the countries that are parties to this treaty. The European Union has been a model of reference up to now for its protection of food, pharmaceutical and environmental security, which was achieved thanks to strong regulation by Member States that has served to guarantee the well-being of their citizenry. On the contrary, there are countries like the USA where such deregulation has put many people's lives at risk by giving rise to illnesses among the population due to the lack of restrictions on, for instance, pollution caused by dumping that certain industries carry out. Furthermore, the safety rules for food and drugs in the United States are very different from the much stricter standards laid down by European regulations. This treaty would open the door to products that are not subject to control according to our rules.

1. In the Commission's opinion, might the removal of trade barriers not put at risk people's well-being and even their lives?
2. Does the Commission not believe that, by favouring a small privileged elite, it is endangering people's quality of life, which has allowed a certain degree of prosperity to be achieved in the European Union, despite the inequality gaps that exist?