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to the Council**

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Subject: Access to TTIP consolidated negotiating texts

One of the main criticisms levelled at the Trans-Atlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) negotiation process concerns its lack of transparency. In response, the Commission, as the institution representing the EU in the negotiations, has clearly made a much greater effort than in any previous trade negotiations to secure access to information.

The Members of the European Parliament have access, under conditions of strict secrecy, to the TTIP consolidated negotiating texts. However, the majority of comprehensive trade agreements are so-called 'mixed' agreements which require ratification by the Member States in accordance with their respective national laws. I therefore welcome the decision taken at the Foreign Affairs (Trade) Council of 27 November 2015 to extend access to the consolidated texts to Members of the national parliaments of the EU Member States.

- Will the Members of all the national parliaments of the Member States, including the Bulgarian National Assembly, have access to the consolidated negotiating texts?
- When are the planned special reading rooms, in which Members of national parliaments will be able to familiarise themselves with the US and EU TTIP negotiating positions, due to open in the Member States' national capitals?