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to the Commission
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Subject: Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) and protection of the European maritime sector

The current negotiations between the European Union and the United States on TTIP have run into several stumbling blocks, including the very protectionist US legislation on access to public contracts, such as the Jones Act protecting the US maritime sector.

1. How is the Commission, on behalf of the EU, negotiating an end to the restrictions on access to US public contracts, such as those on maritime cabotage and shipbuilding?
2. Will the Commission ensure that all restrictions on imports or exports, such as the US tax of 50% on the import of ships repaired or converted in Europe, will be abolished, or at least reduced?