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to the Commission**

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Subject: Suspension of the TTIP negotiations

The UK will be leaving the EU in the near future, the US presidential election is less than four months away and the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) is nowhere near to being finalised, three factors which are all giving rise to the same kinds of uncertainties regarding the TTIP negotiations.

The ambiguous situation of a nation whose departure from the EU would change the terms of the negotiations, the opaque nature of the negotiations themselves, which is understandably fuelling disquiet about an agreement that would be damaging to the EU's interests, and a US presidential election in which all the candidates are openly voicing their concerns about the proposed free-trade agreement all prompt the same conclusion: the TTIP negotiations will have to be suspended.

Does the Commission plan to suspend, at least temporarily, the TTIP negotiations?