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The previous meeting of the Committee on International Trade took place on Tuesday July 13, 2010 from 15.00-18.30 and on Wednesday July 14, from 09.00-12.30, in room A1G-3. The following items were discussed:

1. Civil law, commercial law, family law and private international law aspects of the Action plan implementing the Stockholm Programme

Consideration of draft opinion

The Rapporteur, Mr Joe Higgins, presented his draft opinion for the Committee on Legal Affairs on civil law, commercial law, family law and private international law aspects of the Action plan implementing the Stockholm Programme. The Action Plan, issued on 20 April 2010 by the Commission, aims at "delivering an area of freedom, security and justice for Europe's citizens". A number of legal matters affecting broader international trade issues were discussed, including the fight against counterfeiting, intellectual property rights and conflict of law issues.

<i>PROCEDURE</i>	<i>TIMETABLE</i>
Rapporteur: Joe Higgins (GUE/NGL)	Cons. of draft opinion: 13-14/07/2010
Responsible administrator: Benjamin Rey	Deadline for Ams: 20/07/2010
Procedure: 2010/2080(INI) - INTA/7/02977	Planned adoption in INTA: 30/08/2010
Lead committee: JURI	Planned adoption in plenary: tbc

Related documents may be found [here](#).

2. EU's trade relations with Latin-America

Consideration of draft report

The draft report emphasises that the European Union has an opportunity to play an important role in Latin America's future. But it might also miss out on this opportunity if it proved to be unable to adapt its relationship offers to modern challenges. In order to succeed in the competition with the United States, China and other actors on the Latin American market, the EU should refrain from any strangling or dependency creating contracts, and seek instead to make the more attractive offer aimed at serving the economic development interests of our partners.

With this report, the Committee on International is considering the future framework for the European Union's trade relations with Latin America with a view to the public consultation launched by the Commission on the future direction of EU trade policy and of the Communication that the Commission will present in October.

<i>PROCEDURE</i>	<i>TIMETABLE</i>
Rapporteur: Helmut Scholz (GUE/NGL)	Mini hearing: 27/04/2010
Responsible administrator: Donatella Pribaz	Cons. of a work. doc: 22-23/06/2010
Procedure: 2010/2026(INI) – INTA/7/01839	Cons. of a draft report: 13-14/07/2010
Lead committee: INTA	Planned deadline for Ams: 28/07/2010
	Planned adoption in INTA: 28-29/09/2010
	Planned adoption in plenary: October 2010

3. Parliament's position on the 2011 Draft Budget as modified by the Council - Section III - Commission

Consideration of draft opinion

The Rapporteur presented his draft for the Committee's opinion on 2011 Budget. In his introduction he questioned the Council's intention to make rather dramatic cuts especially under Heading (1) Sustainable Growth, and under Heading (2) Natural Resources, in times of Europe hit by the global crisis. In addition he pointed out the necessity to secure the proper functioning of the EU Business Centres in Asia. In the discussion following the presentation, several issues were raised, such as the Parliament's powers after the entry into force of the Lisbon Treaty, the financing of the ICI instrument, the Banana accompanying measures and the WTO Parliamentary Conference.

<i>PROCEDURE</i>	<i>TIMETABLE</i>
Rapporteur: Peter Šťastný (EPP)	Exchange of views: 22-23/06/2010
Responsible administrator: Heikki Suortti	Cons. of a draft opinion: 13/07/2010
Procedure: 2010/2001(BUD) - INTA/7/01933	Deadline for Ams: 05/08/2010, noon
Lead committee: BUDG	Planned adoption in INTA: 30/08/2010
	Planned adoption in plenary: October 2010

Related documents may be found [here](#).

4. Presentation by Steven Vanackere, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade, representing the President-in-Office of the Council, on the priorities of the Belgian Presidency in the area of International Trade Policy

Exchange of views

Mr. Vanackere, representing the Belgian Presidency, addressed INTA and gave an extensive overview of the trade issues that his country's presidency expects to have to deal with during its six months in office. Mr. Vanackere reiterated the Belgian commitment to the multilateral track despite the existing difficulties while also laid out the strategy for ongoing bilateral and regional negotiations. He commented on the necessary institutional adjustments following the entry into force of the Lisbon Treaty, the development dimension of trade and ACTA. Among the bilateral agreements, the South Korea FTA was singled out as is the priority for the coming semester. Several questions, covering a wide range of trade issues, were put to the Minister by INTA Members.

5. Application of certain guidelines in the field of officially supported export credits

Second exchange of views

INTA had the second exchange of views on Export Credits. According to the Rapporteur's working document, Export Credits could contribute to the financing of international objectives to which the EU is committed to. The credits would need to be judged against these objectives, and horizontal requirements should be included in the guidelines. The discussion showed that the views regarding the approach are diverging.

<i>PROCEDURE</i>	<i>TIMETABLE</i>
Rapporteur: Yannick Jadot (Verts/ALE)	Exchange of views: 01/06/2010 and 13-14/07/2010
Responsible administrator: Heikki Suortti	Consideration of a draft report: 28-29/09/2010
Procedure: 2006/0167(COD) – INTA/7/02420	Planned deadline for Ams: 05/10/2010
Lead committee: INTA	Planned adoption in INTA: 25-26/10/2010
	Planned adoption in plenary: November/December 2010

Related documents may be found [here](#)

6. Votes

Trade and economic relations with Turkey

Rapporteur: Metin Kazak (ALDE)

	in favour	against	abstentions
Draft report as amended	25	2	2

7. Macro-financial assistance for the Republic of Moldova

Consideration and adoption of amendments

The Committee adopted five amendments on the proposal for macro-financial assistance for Moldova (rapporteur J. Winkler, EPP) that are aligning this proposed decision to the MFA for Ukraine, for which a first reading agreement was reached with Council and Commission in May. The final adoption is scheduled to 30 August.

PROCEDURE	TIMETABLE
Rapporteur: Iuliu Winkler (EPP)	Exchange of views: 22-23/06/2010
Responsible administrator: Marti Kalas	Deadline for Ams: 24/06/2010
Procedure: 2010/0162(COD) - INTA/7/02758	Adoption of Ams in INTA: 13-14/07/2010
Lead committee: INTA	Planned adoption of draft report in INTA: 30/08/2010
	Planned adoption in plenary: September I

Related documents you may find [here](#)

8. Indication of the country of origin of certain products imported from third countries (Made in)

Consideration of draft report

INTA continued its work on the Origin Marking dossier by holding a consideration of the Draft Report on the Indication of the country of origin of certain products imported from third countries, more commonly known as the "Made in" file. The Rapporteur, Cristiana Muscardini (EPP), presented her amendments to the original proposal of the Commission. Several Shadow Rapporteurs and Members expressed their general satisfaction with the proposed text but also highlighted some points which they would like to see included. These included the administrative burden on customs and the need to differentiate between environmental and social labelling and simple origin marking.

PROCEDURE	TIMETABLE
Rapporteur: Cristiana Muscardini (EPP)	Exchange of views: 28/04/2010 and 22-23/06/2010
Responsible administrator: André Corrado	Consideration of a draft report: 13-14/07/2010
Procedure 2005/0254(COD) – INTA/7/02414	Deadline for Ams: 31/08/2010
Lead committee: INTA	Planned adoption in INTA: 28-29/09/2010
	Planned adoption in plenary: November/December 2010

Related documents may be found [here](#)

9. EU-Agriculture and International Trade

First exchange of views

The committee held a first exchange of views on this report for which it acts as an associated committee pursuant to Rule 50. The INTA Rapporteur for opinion presented her initial ideas as well as agreement reached with the AGRI committee in terms of joint and exclusive areas of competence. Members participating in the exchange of views found INTA involvement in drafting the report essential and raised issues such as the structure of EU priorities in trade, reform of the CAP, consumption habits, cost of meat production and the issue of GMOs.

<i>PROCEDURE</i>	<i>TIMETABLE</i>
Rapporteur: Godelieve Quisthoudt-Rowohl (EPP)	Exchange of views: 13-14/07/2010
Responsible administrator: Tatiana Mrazikova	Consideration of a draft report: 25-26/10/2010
Procedure: INI - INTA/7/02952	Consideration of Ams: 09/11/2010
Lead committee: AGRI	Planned adoption in INTA: 01-02/12/2010
	Planned adoption in plenary: February 2011

10. Granting an EU guarantee to the EIB against losses under loans and guarantees for projects outside the EU

First exchange of views

The Draftsperson made the point that the additional guarantee could contribute indirectly to the bank's equity and questioned the link between the banking operations and the EU policy objectives. In the discussion following the introduction it was raised that the EIB objectives are suggested to be converted from regional to horizontal ones, and that the suggested increase in the mandate can promote sustainable development and trade. The significance of the EIB financing was also pointed out in the discussion: the EIB represents some 50% of the financing in comparison to that granted by World Bank.

<i>PROCEDURE</i>	<i>TIMETABLE</i>
Rapporteur: William (The Earl Of) Dartmouth (EFD)	Exchange of views: 13-14/07/2010 and 30/08/2010
Responsible administrator: Heikki Suortti	Consideration of a draft opinion: 28-29/09/2010
Procedure: 2010/0101(COD) - INTA/7/02868	Deadline for Ams: 05/10/2010
Lead committee: BUDG	Planned adoption in INTA: 25-26/10/2010
	Planned adoption in plenary: November 2010

Related documents may be found [here](#)

11. Amendment of Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities, as regards the European External Action Service

First exchange of views and consideration of draft opinion

The Committee considered a draft opinion suggesting clarifying the competences of the Commission and the EEAS regarding the implementation of funds, in particular, in relation to the financial operations carried out in the context of the Common Commercial Policy. The draftsperson highlighted that the implementation of the CCP is in the exclusive competence of the Union. Consequently, it should be made clear that in case of any conflict, the final decision regarding implementation of funds should be taken by the Commission, and not the EEAS.

PROCEDURE	TIMETABLE
Rapporteur: Kader Arif (S&D)	Exchange of views: 13-14/07/2010
Responsible administrator: Heikki Suorti	Consideration of a draft opinion: 13-14/07/2010
Procedure: 2010/0054(COD) - INTA/7/02637	Deadline for Ams: 16/07/2010
Lead committee: BUDG	Planned adoption in INTA: 30/08/2010
	Planned adoption in plenary: September II 2010

Related documents may be found [here](#).

12. EU-South Africa Trade Relations

Exchange of views with Ambassador Sooklal

South Africa is the EU's largest trading partner in Africa. The economic and trade relations with the EU are governed by the Trade Development and Co-operation Agreement establishing a FTA.

Praised by members for the organisation of the FIFA World Cup, Ambassador Sooklal stressed that the European Union represented a strategic partner for his country. South Africa joined the Southern African Development Community (SADC) for the negotiations on an Economic Partnership Agreement, but did not sign the interim agreement, despite the fact that four SADC members signed.

Ambassador Sooklal asked the support of the Parliament for a meeting of the EU Trade Commissioner, Karel De Gucht, with the SADC EPA trade ministers. With regards to the WTO Doha Round negotiations, Ambassador Sooklal restated the commitment of his country to the successful conclusion of a real development round.

The Committee on International Trade will organise a delegation to South Africa on 27-29 October 2010.

13. State of Play of International Trade Negotiations (In Camera)

Exchange of views with David O'Sullivan

INTA held an in-camera exchange of views with Mr. David O'Sullivan, Director General of DG Trade at the European Commission. Mr. O'Sullivan briefed the Members on several issues, concentrating mostly on the state of play of the EPAs, the recently adopted Investment Package, EU trade negotiations with ASEAN and the state of affairs at the TEC.

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The next meeting of the Committee on International Trade will take place on Monday August 30, 2010 from 15.00 - 18.30, in the room JAN 4Q1. The following items are foreseen on the [draft agenda](#).

1. Macro-financial assistance for the Republic of Moldova

Vote

The Committee will hold a final vote on the report for macro-financial assistance for Moldova (Rapporteur J. Winkler, EPP) that is scheduled to be adopted as a first reading agreement at September I plenary.

<i>PROCEDURE</i>	<i>TIMETABLE</i>
Rapporteur: Iuliu Winkler (EPP)	Exchange of views: 22-23/06/2010
Responsible administrator: Martti Kalas	Deadline for Ams: 24/06/2010
Procedure: 2010/0162(COD) - INTA/7/02758	Adoption of Ams in INTA: 13-14/07/2010
Lead committee: INTA	Planned adoption of draft report in INTA: 30/08/2010
	Planned adoption in plenary: September I

Related documents you may find [here](#)

2. Amendment of Council Regulation (EC) No 1215/2009 introducing exceptional trade measures for countries and territories participating in or linked to the EU's Stabilisation and Association process

Vote

The committee will vote on the report by Prof. Vital Moreira (Chair, S&D) on the Amendment of Council Regulation (EC) No 1215/2009 introducing exceptional trade measures for countries and territories participating in or linked to the EU's Stabilisation and Association process. Following the consideration of the draft report 12 amendments were submitted.

<i>PROCEDURE</i>	<i>TIMETABLE</i>
Rapporteur: Vital Moreira (Chairman)	Exchange of views: 28/04/2010 and 01/06/2010
Responsible administrator: Andreas Maurer	Consideration of a draft report: 22-23/06/2010
Procedure: 2010/0036 (COD) – INTA/7/02328	Deadline for Ams: 10/07/2010
Lead committee: INTA	Planned adoption in INTA: 30/08/2010
	Planned adoption in plenary: September II 2010

3. Parliament's position on the 2011 Draft Budget as modified by the Council - all sections

Vote

INTA will vote on the draft opinion on Parliament's position on the 2011 Draft Budget as modified by the Council - all sections and also on the amendments to the budget lines. 14 amendments have been tabled to the draft opinion and 2 amendments to the budget lines. For more, please see the point 3 in section - Previous meeting.

<i>PROCEDURE</i>	<i>TIMETABLE</i>
Rapporteur: Peter Šťastný (EPP)	Exchange of views: 22-23/06/2010
Responsible administrator: Heikki Suorti	Cons. of a draft opinion: 13/07/2010
Procedure: 2010/2001(BUD) - INTA/7/01933	Deadline for Ams: 05/08/2010, noon
Lead committee: BUDG	Planned adoption in INTA: 30/08/2010
	Planned adoption in plenary: October 2010

Related documents may be found [here](#)

4. Civil law, commercial law, family law and private international law aspects of the Action plan implementing the Stockholm Programme

Vote

The Committee will vote on the draft opinion for the Committee on Legal Affairs on civil law, commercial law, family law and private international law aspects of the Action plan implementing the Stockholm Programme, presented by Mr Joe Higgins. The Action Plan, issued on 20 April 2010 by the Commission, aims at "delivering an area of freedom, security and justice for Europe's citizens".

<i>PROCEDURE</i>	<i>TIMETABLE</i>
Rapporteur: Joe Higgins (GUE/NGL)	Cons. of draft opinion: 13-14/07/2010
Responsible administrator: Benjamin Rey	Deadline for Ams: 20/07/2010
Procedure: 2010/2080(INI) - INTA/7/02977	Planned adoption in INTA: 30/08/2010
Lead committee: JURI	Planned adoption in plenary: tbc

Related documents may be found [here](#).

5. Amendment of Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities, as regards the European External Action Service

Vote

The Committee will vote on its opinion on the proposed amendment, in particular, in relation to the financial operations carried out in the context of the Common Commercial Policy. The draft opinion tabled suggests clarifying the competences of the Commission and the EEAS regarding the implementation of funds. There were no amendments tabled to this opinion.

<i>PROCEDURE</i>	<i>TIMETABLE</i>
Rapporteur: Kader Arif (S&D)	Exchange of views: 13-14/07/2010
Responsible administrator: Heikki Suorti	Consideration of a draft opinion: 13-14/07/2010
Procedure: 2010/0054(COD) - INTA/7/02637	Deadline for Ams: 16/07/2010
Lead committee: BUDG	Planned adoption in INTA: 30/08/2010
	Planned adoption in plenary: September II 2010

Related documents may be found [here](#).

6. Compulsory application of 61 regulations of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe for the type-approval of motor vehicles, their trailers and systems, components and separate technical units intended therefor

Consideration of draft recommendation

The Community has acceded to the above UNECE Regulations. It is intended to incorporate these regulations into the approval system for motor vehicles and thus to add them to the legislation in force within the Community. According to the Commission proposal, type-approvals issued under the said UNECE Regulations will be considered as EC type-approvals, thus avoiding duplication.

7. Compulsory application of Regulation No 100 of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe for the approval of motor vehicles with regard to electric safety

Consideration of draft recommendation

Given the importance of reducing carbon emissions from road transport, and the price and security of oil supply, electric cars (hybrid and pure electric) are a viable alternative to traditional internal combustion engines using fossil fuels. The Commission proposal aims at ensuring that all electric vehicles marketed in Europe are constructed according to a common safety standard. Mandating UNECE Regulation No. 100 would ensure simplification of the approval procedure through harmonised requirements on electric safety.

8. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing transitional arrangements for bilateral investment agreements between Member States and third countries

First exchange of views

The Committee will hold a joint first exchange of views regarding two documents comprising the foreign direct investment (FDI) package adopted by Commission on 7 July: Firstly, the policy paper 'Towards a comprehensive European international investment policy'. And secondly, a proposal for a Regulation that would establish transitional arrangements regarding bilateral investment agreements that Member States have concluded.

Under the Lisbon Treaty, investment policy will be developed and managed at the European level that would give the EU a stronger negotiating position in order to deliver better investment protection for all European businesses. Adoption by Commission of these two initiatives was the first step towards a comprehensive European international investment policy.

Foreign direct investment is one of main contributors to economic growth. The EU is the world's biggest player in the field of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI). By 2008 outward stocks of FDI amounted to 3.3 trillion Euros while EU inward stocks accounted for 2.4 trillion Euros. Those investments are secured via Bilateral Investment Treaties (BITs) establishing the terms and conditions for investment by nationals and companies of one country in another and set up a legally binding level of protection in order to encourage investment flows between two countries. EU states are the main users of BITs globally, with a total number of about 1200 bilateral treaties already concluded.

<i>PROCEDURE</i>	<i>TIMETABLE</i>
Rapporteur: Carl Schlyter (Verts/ALE)	Exchange of views: 30/08/2010
Responsible administrator: Martti Kalas	Consideration of a draft report: 28-29/09/2010
Procedure: 2010/0197 (COD)- INTA/7/02444	Consideration of Ams: 25-26/10/2010
Lead committee: INTA	Deadline for Ams: (tbc)
	Planned adoption in INTA: 9/11/2010
	Planned adoption in plenary: November/December 2010

Related documents may be found [here](#).

9. Future European international investment policy

First exchange of views

Please see point 8.

10. Amendment of Regulation (EC) No 1334/2000 setting up a Community regime for the control of exports of dual-use items and technology

Consideration of draft report

The Committee will consider the draft report of Mr. Jörg Leichtfried (S&D) that contains 45 amendments, mainly addressing some new General Export Authorisations, the Commission's reporting to the Parliament, and the necessary alignment of the amendments proposed by the Commission to Regulation (EC) No 428/2009 that replaced Regulation (EC) No. 133/2000.

<i>PROCEDURE</i>	<i>TIMETABLE</i>
Rapporteur: Jörg Leichtfried (S&D)	Second exchange of views: 22-23/06/2010
Responsible administrator: Andreas Maurer	Consideration of a draft report: 30/08/2010
Procedure 2008/0249 (COD) - INTA/7/02426	Planned deadline for AMs: 27/09/2010 at noon
Lead committee: INTA	Planned adoption in INTA: 25-26/10/2010
	Planned adoption in plenary: November 2010

Related documents may be found [here](#).

11. Towards a new Energy Strategy for Europe 2011-2020

Consideration of draft opinion

ITRE committee is preparing an own initiative report on public consultation by Commission on a "Stock taking document: Towards a new Energy Strategy for Europe 2011-2020". External trade relations between the EU and its strategic energy suppliers and eventual trade agreements with these third countries securing access to raw materials and energy supplies at fair price are of great importance for the INTA committee which has therefore decided to draft an opinion to this own-initiative report. At its meeting of 30 August 2010, INTA will consider the draft opinion.

<i>PROCEDURE</i>	<i>TIMETABLE</i>
Rapporteur: Jan Zahradil (ECR)	Consideration of a draft opinion: 30/08/2010
Responsible administrator: Martti Kalas	Planned deadline for AMs: 02/09/2010 (tbc)
Procedure: 2010/2108(INI) - INTA/7/03341	Planned adoption in INTA: 28-29/09/2010 (tbc)
Lead committee: ITRE	Planned adoption in plenary: October 2010

12. Granting an EU guarantee to the EIB against losses under loans and guarantees for projects outside the EU

Second exchange of views

Second exchange of views. For more, please see the point 10 of previous meeting.

<i>PROCEDURE</i>	<i>TIMETABLE</i>
Rapporteur: William (The Earl Of) Dartmouth (EFD)	Exchange of views: 13-14/07/2010 and 30/08/2010
Responsible administrator: Heikki Suorti	Consideration of a draft opinion: 28-29/09/2010
Procedure: 2010/0101(COD) - INTA/7/02868	Deadline for Ams: 05/10/2010
Lead committee: BUDG	Planned adoption in INTA: 25-26/10/2010
	Planned adoption in plenary: November 2010

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State-of-play of ongoing negotiations

Free trade agreements: tentative dates of upcoming negotiation rounds

All dates are indicative and subject to possible changes and postponement.

India	Agreement to intensify the negotiations with a view to concluding swiftly if possible. A number of meetings has thus been scheduled in between now and the EU-India Summit to be held in Brussels on 10 December 2010.
Canada	EU-Canada CETA, 5th round 19-23 October 2010
Singapore	A third negotiating round is tentatively foreseen for the week of 13 September 2010.
Libya	Technical meetings in July and three rounds planned until the end of the year: 21-22/09, November and December.
Ukraine	13th round foreseen for 4-8 October 2010 in Kiev.
China	Next round likely to take place in September in Beijing (no precise dates yet).
Russia	11th round foreseen for end of September or early October

Source: DG TRADE, European Commission

For more info please see: <http://ec.europa.eu/trade/creating-opportunities/bilateral-relations/>

Anti-Counterfeiting Trade Agreement (ACTA)

The 10th round of negotiations on the proposed Anti-Counterfeiting Trade Agreement (ACTA) was held in Washington, D.C. from 16 – 20 August 2010, and was hosted by the United States of America. United States Trade Representative Ron Kirk and Deputy United States Trade Representative Miriam Sapiro welcomed the delegations and thanked them for all of their work in the negotiations.

Participants in the negotiations included Australia, Canada, the European Union, represented by the European Commission, the EU Presidency (Belgium) and EU Member States, Japan, Korea, Mexico, Morocco, New Zealand, Singapore, Switzerland and the United States of America.

Based on the progress made in the previous round, in Lucerne, Switzerland, participants advanced their discussions in all sections of the agreement, including the Preamble, Initial Provisions, General Obligations, Civil Enforcement, Border Measures, Criminal Enforcement, Enforcement Measures in the Digital Environment, International Cooperation, Enforcement Practices, Institutional Arrangements and

Final Provisions.

During the week, the United States hosted informal meetings with stakeholders, representatives from non-governmental organization (NGOs), business leaders and the participants in the ACTA negotiating round. The United States offered these meetings to give interested parties and governmental officials the opportunity to interact and discuss the issues concerned with ACTA.

Participants stressed the importance of ACTA as an Agreement that will establish an international framework for their efforts to more effectively combat the proliferation of counterfeiting and piracy, which undermines legitimate trade and the sustainable development of the world economy.

While ACTA aims to establish effective enforcement standards for existing intellectual property rights, it is not intended to include new intellectual property rights or to enlarge or diminish existing intellectual property rights.

ACTA will not interfere with a signatory's ability to respect fundamental rights and liberties. ACTA will be consistent with the WTO Agreement on Trade Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS Agreement) and the Declaration on TRIPS and Public Health. The ACTA negotiators reiterated that ACTA will not hinder the cross-border transit of legitimate generic medicines, and reaffirmed that patents will not be covered in the Section on Border Measures. ACTA will not oblige border authorities to search travellers' baggage or their personal electronic devices for infringing materials.

Participants in the meeting agreed that Japan would host the next negotiating round in September 2010. Participants committed to resolving remaining substantive issues at that round, and agreed to publicly release the full text of the agreement before deciding to sign it.

Source: DG TRADE, European Commission

WTO Dispute settlement - Recent developments

WTO Dispute settlement

The WTO is likely to rule in mid-September on the so-called (offensive) "Boeing case". The final report on the (defensive) "Airbus case" was published on 30 June 2010.

The WTO had been expected to rule on the Boeing case in mid-July, but the panel announced that it will need more time. According to the *Wall Street Journal*, the panel is likely to find that the U.S. has provided improper subsidies, but it isn't known if the WTO will be as severe on Boeing as it was on Airbus.

General overview of cases - Recent developments:

- China - Provisional Anti-Dumping Duties on Fasteners from the EU: On 28 June 2010, China imposed definitive anti-dumping duties.
- EU – Generic medicines in transit: consultations were held with India and Brazil on 7-8 July. - Philippines Spirits - A panel was composed on 5 July.
- EU - Anti-dumping measures on certain footwear from China: the panel was composed on 5 July 2010.

For more see: http://trade.ec.europa.eu/doclib/docs/2007/may/tradoc_134652.pdf

For a full list of cases and details, see <http://trade.ec.europa.eu/wtodispute/search.cfm?code=1>

State of Play on Trade Defence Instruments

On 30 June 2010, there were 134 anti-dumping and 8 countervailing measures in force. Furthermore, there were undertakings in force from 8 countries covering 14 products. At the end of June, 57 investigations were on-going.

11 new investigations initiated:

- Tris (2-chloro-1-methylethyl) phosphate (TCPP) People's Republic of China Initial Investigation, Article 5 24 July 2010
- Zeolite A powder from Bosnia & Herzegovina (AD)
- Melamine from P.R. China (AD)
- Coated fine paper from P.R. China (AD)
- Stainless steel bars from India (AD)
- Stainless steel bars from India (AS)
- Coated fine paper from P.R. China (AS)
- Open mesh fabrics of glass fibres from P.R. China (AD)
- Ring binder mechanisms from Thailand (AD)
- Ceramic tiles from P.R. China (AD)
- Wireless wide area networking modems from P.R. China (AD)

Six interim reviews initiated:

- All initiated interim reviews are on PET (polyethylene terephthalate) or PET film, either from India or Korea; the reviews concern both anti-dumping and anti-subsidy measures.

One safeguard investigation initiated:

- Wireless wide area networking modems from P.R. China.

*For more see the most recent Commission Report on TDI measures 01-06/2010:
http://trade.ec.europa.eu/doclib/docs/2010/january/tradoc_145673.pdf*

For a full listing and further details of investigations please see: <http://trade.ec.europa.eu/tdi/index.cfm>

The Steering Group of the Parliamentary Conference on the WTO

The Steering Group commented the very interesting exchanges of views held at the last session of the Steering Committee of the Parliamentary Conference on the WTO (Geneva, 24 - 25 June 2010), where Mr Harsha Vardhana Singh, WTO Deputy Director General, had emphasised the importance of WTO's relations with parliamentarians, stressing in particular that: "We have come a long way since our first meeting in Seattle in 1999. More than a decade later, the WTO's relations with parliamentarians have grown and are now on solid footing. We meet regularly to exchange views and information (...)" and added: "The WTO welcomes these ties. They are important to us. Parliamentarians have a vital role to play. You are the ones who bring up key concerns of the people to your Governments, including with respect to functioning and evolution of multilateral systems. Likewise, you are the ones who ratify or approve in your legislatures, the results of the negotiations that take place here in Geneva. You have major responsibility and importance."

The next meeting of the Steering Group will take place on Tuesday, 7 September 2010 at 17.00 - 18.00 hrs, room LOW S4.4, in Strasbourg.

chairman's diary

Meetings held during weeks 27 - 29

- ✓ **July 9, 2010, Lunch Meeting with Members of the Trade Policy Committee and Mr. O'Sullivan** at DG Trade.
- ✓ **July 13, 2010, Meeting with Brazilian Minister for Agriculture, Mr. Wagner Rossi.**
- ✓ **July 14, 2010, Breakfast meeting with the representatives of the US Chamber** on the Doha Round other Trade Issues.
- ✓ **July 14, 2010, Lunch Meeting** organized by the GMF on "The Reform of European Trade Preferences: How to make them work for developing countries?" **with experts Mr. Christopher Stevens, Overseas Development Institute, and Mr. Sanoussi Bilal, European Centre for Development Policy Management.**
- ✓ **July 14, 2010, Meeting on "Past, Present and Future of the EU-Canada Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) negotiations"** organized by Eurochambres and the Canada Europe Roundtable for Business.
- ✓ **July 15, 2010, Meeting with Mr. Choi Seok-young, Korea's new Chief Negotiator on the EU-Korea FTA.**
- ✓ **July 19-23, 2010, Course at the World Trade Institute of the University of Bern on "The Political Economy of Trade".**

trade news and studies

Briefing notes/studies delivered in July, August 2010

- Climate change and International Trade (CO₂ emissions)
- Impact of ACTA on Access to medicines (AVC)
- Impact on EU industries if other trading partners were to include regional safeguard clauses in their respective FTAs
- The Revision of the General Product Safety Directive and Market Surveillance
- Implementation of Article 10 of the United Nations Firearms Protocol and establishing export authorisation, import and transit measures for firearms, their parts and components and ammunition

Workshops

- Workshop on Application of certain guidelines in the field of officially supported export credits to take place on 27 September 2010

EP Press releases

[Crucial EU-South Korea trade deal edges closer](#)

Press release 28-06-2010 - 14:20



The proposed EU-South Korea trade deal could be the largest of the last two decades. Last week members of the Trade Committee debated its merits with academics and trade associations. Signed in October last year it must still be approved by MEPs. The deal covers everything from cars to services and chemicals. Although many believe it will boost trade, some, especially in the car industry are worried about what effects cheap foreign imports from firms like Hyundai could have.

[EU-Turkey trade relations: a more functional customs union without barriers](#)

Press release 14-07-2010 - 15:57

EU-Turkey trade is "at an advanced level", but to improve trade relations further, customs union mechanisms need to be made fully functional, bureaucracy simplified, and remaining tariff and non-tariff barriers removed, said the International Trade Committee on Wednesday. MEPs also called on the Turkey to implement the additional protocol to the EC-Turkey Association Agreement in full, as failure to do so could seriously hamper accession negotiations with the EU.

The committee called on both the EU and Turkey to pay due attention to their interlinked economies and "to maintain open trade and investments regimes" in a non-legislative report drafted by Metin Kazak (ALDE, BG) and approved on Wednesday with 23 votes in favour and 2 against.

Library Briefings

[The implications for EU agriculture of the reopening of negotiations with Mercosur](#) / Library Briefing by

Nereo Peñalver García, 7 July 2010, 2 p..



"The EU is Mercosur's largest trading partner, with \$190 billion in exports to the European bloc and \$135 billion in imports from it in 2006. The conclusion of a bi-regional Association Agreement (AA) between the EU and Mercosur would create one of the largest free trade areas in the world, with 800 million consumers."

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New books in the Library reading room collection (available for loan)

[Trade relations between the EU and Africa: development, challenges and options beyond the Cotonou Agreement](#) / edited by Yenkong Ngangjoh-Hodu and Francis A.S.T. Matambalya, Routledge , 2010.



"This book focuses on areas of trade that may inform the development dimension of international trade. With this edited volume, a team of specialists provide a comprehensive survey of ACP –EU trade and Africa trade relation in the global context, placing it in its legal, economic and political contexts."

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Important Meetings and Events

WTO events

15-17 September	WTO Public Forum 2010
19 September	WTO Open Day 2010
29 September - 1 October	WTO: Trade Policy Review Body — United States
4-6 October	WTO: Trade Policy Review Body — Benin, Burkina Faso and Mali

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Upcoming Summits and Events

13-15 September	Conference of Parliamentarians of the Arctic Region (CPAR), EP, Brussels
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Calendar of committee's meetings for 2010

The next regular meeting of the Committee on International Trade will take place on Tuesday September 28, 2010 (from 9.00 - 12.30) (extension) and from 15.00 - 18.30) and on Wednesday September 29, from 09.00-12.30 in Brussels. The annual calendar can be found [here](#).

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