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Amendment 1
Robert Sturdy
Motion for a resolution
Citation 8

Motion for a resolution

– having regard to its earlier resolutions, in particular the resolution of 1 June 2006 on EU-US transatlantic economic relations , of 22 May 2007 on Global Europe – external aspects of competitiveness, of 19 February 2008 on the EU's strategy to deliver market access for European companies , of 5 June 2008 on implementing trade policy through efficient import and export rules and procedures, of 9 July 2008 on the World Trade Organisation disputes between the European Union and the United States on alleged subsidies to Airbus and Boeing, of 5 February 2009 on enhancing the role of European SMEs in international trade, of 11 November 2010 on the forthcoming EU-US Summit and the Transatlantic Economic Council, of 6 April 2011 on the future European international investment policy, **of 27 September 2011 on a New Trade Policy for Europe under the Europe 2020 Strategy**, of 17 November 2011 on the EU-US Summit of 28 November 2011, and of 13 December 2011 on trade and investment barriers,

Amendment

– having regard to its earlier resolutions, in particular the resolution of 1 June 2006 on EU-US transatlantic economic relations, of 22 May 2007 on Global Europe – external aspects of competitiveness, of 19 February 2008 on the EU's strategy to deliver market access for European companies, of 5 June 2008 on implementing trade policy through efficient import and export rules and procedures, of 9 July 2008 on the World Trade Organisation disputes between the European Union and the United States on alleged subsidies to Airbus and Boeing, of 5 February 2009 on enhancing the role of European SMEs in international trade, of 11 November 2010 on the forthcoming EU-US Summit and the Transatlantic Economic Council, of 6 April 2011 on the future European international investment policy, of 17 November 2011 on the EU-US Summit of 28 November 2011, and of 13 December 2011 on trade and investment barriers,

Or. en

Amendment 2
Robert Sturdy

Motion for a resolution
Citation 8 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- having regard to its resolution of 27

September 2011 on a New Trade Policy for Europe under the Europe 2020 Strategy¹, in particular paragraph 16 thereof, which called for the EU and the US to both work to develop the evolving, comprehensive 'Transatlantic Growth and Jobs Initiative',

Or. en

Amendment 3
Helmut Scholz, Kartika Tamara Liotard

Motion for a resolution
Citation 8 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- having regard to its legislative resolution of 7 July 2010 on the Council position at first reading for adopting a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on novel foods, amending Regulation (EC) No 1331/2008 and repealing Regulation (EC) No 258/97 and Commission Regulation (EC) No 1852/2001²,

Or. en

Amendment 4
Helmut Scholz, Kartika Tamara Liotard

Motion for a resolution
Citation 8 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- having regard to its legislative resolution of 5 July 2011 on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament

¹ Texts adopted of that date, P7_TA(2011)0412.

² OJ C 351 E, 2.12.2011, p.174.

and of the Council amending Directive 2001/18/EC as regards the possibility for the Member States to restrict or prohibit the cultivation of GMOs in their territory¹,

Or. en

Amendment 5
Peter Skinner

Motion for a resolution
Recital A

Motion for a resolution

A. whereas the EU and the US are each-others main trading partners, the two economies together accounting for about half of the global economic output and nearly a third of world trade flows, making it the largest economic relationship in the world;

Amendment

A. whereas the EU and the US are each-others main trading partners, the two economies together accounting for about half of the global economic output and nearly a third of world trade flows, making it the largest economic relationship in the world ***consisting of a wide range of fields including manufacturing, finance, wholesale trade, and banking sectors;***

Or. en

Amendment 6
Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution
Recital A

Motion for a resolution

A. whereas the EU and the US are each-others main trading partners, the two economies together accounting for about half of the global economic output and nearly a third of world trade flows, making it the largest economic relationship in the world;

Amendment

A. whereas the EU and the US are ***currently still*** each-others main trading partners, the two economies together accounting for about half of the global economic output and nearly a third of world trade flows, making it the largest economic relationship in the world;

¹ *Texts adopted of that date, P7_TA(2011)0314.*

Amendment 7

Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution

Recital B

Motion for a resolution

B. whereas, although the economic relationships between the EU and the US are among the most open in the world, and although transatlantic markets are deeply integrated through large flows of trade and investment (with a bilateral trade volume of EUR 702.6 billion, and a bilateral investment stock valued at EUR 2.394 trillion, in 2011), there is ***a general consensus that the potential of the transatlantic relationship is far from being fully exploited***, whereas the EU and US share common values, ***similar*** legal systems ***and high standards of labour and environmental protection, and should exploit these synergies to secure the*** growth and jobs both partners need, and whereas a study carried out in 2009 for the Commission identified the most important non-tariff measures that affect trade between the EU and the US, and estimated their economic impact, suggesting that the removal of half of such existing measures and regulatory divergences would translate into an increase in GDP of EUR 163 billion until 2018 on both sides of the North Atlantic;

Amendment

B. whereas, although the economic relationships between the EU and the US are among the most open in the world, and although transatlantic markets are deeply integrated through large flows of trade and investment (with a bilateral trade volume of EUR 702.6 billion, and a bilateral investment stock valued at EUR 2.394 trillion, in 2011), there is ***still potential for deepening the transatlantic relationship and economic integration***; whereas the EU and US share common values, ***the*** legal systems, ***the labour standards, policies addressing climate change as well as environmental protection laws and enforcement structures vary considerably***; ***whereas EU and US should explore potential synergies in order to foster the sustainable and inclusive*** growth and jobs both partners need, and whereas a study carried out in 2009 for the Commission identified the most important non-tariff measures that affect trade between the EU and the US, and ***result from differences in geography, language, preferences, culture or history, and*** estimated their economic impact, suggesting that the removal of half of such existing measures and regulatory divergences would translate into an increase in GDP of EUR 163 billion until 2018 on both sides of the North Atlantic, ***while a 25% alignment of NTMs and regulatory convergence was assumed to be more realistic***;

Amendment 8
Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution
Recital B a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ba. whereas according to an ILO study (Block, Berg, Roberts (2003) "Comparing and Quantifying Labor Standards in the United States and the European Union"), labour standards in the EU are higher than in the US, in particular in the areas of working time, paid-time off, occupational safety and health, employee involvement, and changes of ownership, while the only standards that are higher in the US than in the EU are those addressing minimum wages and collective bargaining;

Or. en

Amendment 9
Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution
Recital B b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Bb. whereas the US continues to refuse to join efforts with the EU to fight climate change in an United Nations framework; whereas in Congress legislation has been introduced aiming to block the inclusion of US airlines flying to or from EU into the EU carbon trading scheme;

Or. en

Amendment 10
Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution
Recital B c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Bc. whereas the lack of adequate financial markets regulation in both the US and the EU has made possible the rapid spread of the financial crisis from the US to the EU economy, which led to the terrible consequences that most EU Member States, but also American people and many other nations around the world are facing today, including a dramatical increase unemployment and poverty; whereas the negative growth rates experienced in many EU Member States are related to the very strong links of their financial sector with the US financial sector, and whereas US based financial speculation continues to threaten the survival of the euro;

Or. en

Amendment 11
Maria Eleni Koppa

Motion for a resolution
Recital C

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

C. whereas the global economy remains vulnerable, with a negative impact on the everyday lives of people all over the world, affecting jobs, trade, development, and the environment, and whereas the ongoing financial and economic crises, both in the

Γ. whereas, ***in the continuing economic crisis***, the global economy remains vulnerable, with a negative impact on the everyday lives of people all over the world, ***seriously*** affecting jobs, trade, development, and the environment, and

EU and in the US, are threatening the stability and prosperity of our economies and the welfare of our citizens, calling for a closer economic cooperation between the EU and the US, in order to combat and overcome these crises;

whereas the ongoing financial and economic crises, both in the EU and in the US, are threatening the stability and prosperity of our economies and the welfare of our citizens, calling for a closer economic cooperation between the EU and the US, in order to combat and overcome these crises·

Or. el

Amendment 12

Silvana Koch-Mehrin, Marietje Schaake

Motion for a resolution

Recital C

Motion for a resolution

C. whereas the global economy remains vulnerable, ***with a negative impact on the everyday lives of people all over the world,*** affecting jobs, trade, development, and the environment, and whereas the ongoing financial and economic crises, both in the EU and in the US, are threatening the stability and prosperity of our economies and the welfare of our citizens, calling for a closer economic cooperation between the EU and the US, in order to ***combat and overcome*** these crises;

Amendment

C. whereas the global economy remains vulnerable, affecting jobs, trade, development, and the environment, and whereas the ongoing financial and economic crises, both in the EU and in the US, are threatening the stability and prosperity of our economies and the welfare of our citizens, calling for a closer economic cooperation between the EU and the US, in order to ***make use of the benefits of international trade in overcoming*** these crises;

Or. en

Amendment 13

Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution

Recital C

Motion for a resolution

C. whereas the global economy remains vulnerable, with a negative impact on the everyday lives of people all over the world, affecting jobs, trade, development, and the environment, and whereas the ongoing financial and economic crises, both in the EU and in the US, are threatening the stability and prosperity of our economies and the welfare of our citizens, calling for a closer economic cooperation between the EU and the US, in order to combat and overcome these crises;

Amendment

C. whereas the global economy remains vulnerable, with a negative impact on the everyday lives of people all over the world, affecting jobs, trade, development, and the environment, and whereas the ongoing financial and economic crises, both in the EU and in the US, are threatening the stability and prosperity of our economies and the welfare of our citizens, calling for a closer economic cooperation ***and coordinated regulation of the markets, in particular the financial markets***, between the EU and the US, in order to combat and overcome these crises ***in close cooperation with other partners, and to lay the grounds for a sustainable and inclusive future growth that avoids the mistakes that led to the crisis***;

Or. en

Amendment 14 **Peter Skinner**

Motion for a resolution **Recital C**

Motion for a resolution

C. whereas the global economy remains vulnerable, with a negative impact on the everyday lives of people all over the world, affecting jobs, trade, development, and the environment, and whereas the ongoing financial and economic crises, both in the EU and in the US, are threatening the stability and prosperity of our economies and the welfare of our citizens, calling for a closer economic cooperation between the EU and the US, in order to combat and overcome these crises;

Amendment

C. whereas the global economy remains vulnerable, with a negative impact on the everyday lives of people all over the world, affecting jobs, trade, development, and the environment, and whereas the ongoing financial and economic crises, both in the EU and in the US, are threatening the stability and prosperity of our economies and the welfare of our citizens, ***and the lack of coordination of financial regulation is causing unnecessary barriers to trade***, calling for a closer economic cooperation between the EU and the US, in order to combat and overcome

these crises;

Or. en

Amendment 15
Yannick Jadot

Motion for a resolution
Recital C a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ca. whereas closer economic cooperation ideally should be based on elements of common industrial policy objectives; whereas the EU is still in search of a EU-wide industrial policy, while the US maintains specific industrial policy objectives, a difference which limits the scope of any negotiations on an ambitious trade agreement, given its potentially far-reaching and long lasting impacts;

Or. en

Amendment 16
Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution
Recital D

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

D. whereas the ***moderate*** growth of ***global trade exchanges*** over the past three years has significantly contributed to mitigating the negative effects of the economic crisis, in particular in ***the EU*** and the US, proving that ***trade plays an important role in determining*** growth and employment;

D. whereas the ***significant*** growth of ***trade exchanges with China and other emerging economies*** over the past three years has significantly contributed to mitigating the negative effects of the economic crisis, in particular in ***several EU Member States*** and the US, proving that ***production and supply chains and economic integration are reaching unprecedented global dimensions and that north Atlantic trade strategies need to***

incorporate to maintain positive relations to other important trading partners in the world in order to allow for sustainable and inclusive growth and employment;

Or. en

Amendment 17
Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution
Recital F

Motion for a resolution

F. whereas the bipartisan letters sent to the US President by US Senators and by Members of the US House of Representatives urged the HLWG to quickly *formulate* ambitious *proposals to remove unnecessary barriers to transatlantic trade and investment, and called for making increased trade and investment with the EU a priority;*

Amendment

F. whereas the bipartisan letters sent to the US President by US Senators and by Members of the US House of Representatives urged the HLWG to quickly *recommend* ambitious *steps to stimulate trade and investment, pointed out that simply eliminating tariffs between the US and EU could increase US goods exports to the EU by 17 percent over the next five years, and assessed that due to broadly similar levels of protection for consumers, workers, investors and the environment, closer cooperation between both sides' regulators could improve efficiency and effectively address non-tariff barriers to trade;*

Or. en

Amendment 18
Daniel Caspary

Motion for a resolution
Recital F a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Fa. Whereas, in its resolution of 27 September 2011 on a New Trade Policy

for Europe under the Europe 2020 Strategy, the European Parliament called for further development of the ambitious evolving Transatlantic Growth and Jobs Initiative;

Or. de

Amendment 19

Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution

Recital F a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Fa. whereas in a bipartisan letter sent to the US President, 50 US Senators have expressed grave concern about the dangers posed by the United Nations Arms Trade Treaty, declaring their opposition to ratification of any arms trade treaty that restricts the rights of law-abiding American gun owners;

Or. en

Amendment 20

Yannick Jadot

Motion for a resolution

Recital G

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

G. whereas also the private sector in the US has expressed support for making Europe a priority in US trade policy again, and whereas the private stakeholders in both the EU and the US have shown support for an ambitious and comprehensive agreement and believe that advancing a closer EU-US economic cooperation would send a powerful pro-

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growth signal to investors and business within the EU and the US as well as internationally;

Or. en

Amendment 21
Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution
Recital G

Motion for a resolution

G. whereas also the private sector in the US has expressed support for making Europe a priority in US trade policy again, and whereas *the* private stakeholders in both the EU and the US have shown support for an ambitious and comprehensive agreement and believe that advancing a closer EU-US economic cooperation would send a powerful pro-growth signal to investors and business within the EU and the US as well as internationally;

Amendment

G. whereas also *parts of* the private sector in the US has expressed support for making Europe a priority in US trade policy again, and whereas *a number of* private stakeholders in both the EU and the US have shown support for an ambitious and comprehensive agreement and *expressed* believe that advancing a closer EU-US economic cooperation would send a powerful pro-growth signal to investors and business within the EU and the US as well as internationally;

Or. en

Amendment 22
Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution
Recital G a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Ga. whereas the HLWG did not consult with trade unions, consumer protection organisations, farmers associations, environmental organisations, civil rights experts, academic institutions and civil society in general; whereas no social and environmental impact assessment study

Amendment

*on a potential EU-US trade agreement
has been produced by the Commission;*

Or. en

Amendment 23

Yannick Jadot

Motion for a resolution

Recital H

Motion for a resolution

H. whereas the development of common standards between the EU and the US would have an automatic positive spill-over effect on North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) countries, and a more harmonised regulatory environment between the EU and the US could be beneficial in general;

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Or. en

Amendment 24

Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution

Recital H

Motion for a resolution

H. whereas the development of common standards between the EU and the US would have *an automatic positive spill-over* effect on North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) countries, and a more harmonised regulatory environment between the EU and the US could be beneficial *in general*;

Amendment

H. whereas the development of common standards between the EU and the US would have *a yet uncertain* effect on North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) countries, and a more harmonised regulatory environment between the EU and the US could be beneficial, *if based on best practice and higher quality solutions; whereas the US taking over REACH could set an excellent example for harmonised regulation; whereas significant progress in regulatory*

approximation through joint efforts of the EU and US legislators should be a precondition to starting to negotiate an FTA;

Or. en

Amendment 25
Godelieve Quisthoudt-Rowohl

Motion for a resolution
Recital H

Motion for a resolution

H. whereas the development of common standards between the EU and the US would have an automatic positive spill-over effect on North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) countries, *and* a more harmonised regulatory environment between the EU and the US *could* be beneficial in general;

Amendment

H. whereas the development of common standards between the EU and the US would have an automatic positive spill-over effect on North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) countries, a more harmonised regulatory environment between the EU and the US *would* be beneficial in general, *and that the further integration of the world's most integrated commercial market would be historically unprecedented;*

Or. en

Amendment 26
Elisabeth Köstinger

Motion for a resolution
Recital H a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ha. whereas the the US is the EU's second-largest trading partner in agricultural products, while the EU exports mainly high quality products to the US, which means that non-tariff trade barriers and geographical indications of origin are of the greatest significance to the European agricultural sector;

Or. de

Amendment 27

Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution

Recital I

Motion for a resolution

I. whereas the HLWG has jointly analysed a wide range of potential options for expanding transatlantic trade and investment, and has in its Interim Report of June 2012 reached the preliminary conclusion that a comprehensive agreement that addresses a broad range of bilateral trade and investment policies, as well as issues of common concern with respect to third countries, would, if achievable, provide the most significant benefit;

Amendment

I. whereas the HLWG has jointly analysed a wide range of potential options for expanding transatlantic trade and investment, and has in its Interim Report of June 2012 reached the preliminary conclusion that a comprehensive agreement that addresses a broad range of bilateral trade and investment policies, as well as issues of common concern with respect to third countries, would, if achievable, provide the most significant benefit; ***whereas it remains uncertain how issues of common concern with respect to third countries can form part of a bilateral trade agreement; whereas without the existence of a decent social and environmental impact assessment, a sound decision in favour of entering into direct negotiations cannot be made;***

Or. en

Amendment 28
Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution
Recital K

Motion for a resolution

K. whereas *the EU is determined to promote free, fair and open trade whilst, at the same time, asserting its interests in a spirit of reciprocity and mutual benefit, especially in relation to the world's largest economies;*

Amendment

K. whereas *in its relations with the wider world, the EU shall uphold and promote its values and interests and contribute to the protection of its citizens. It shall contribute to peace, security, the sustainable development of the Earth, solidarity and mutual respect among peoples, free and fair trade, eradication of poverty and the protection of human rights, in particular the rights of the child, as well as to the strict observance and the development of international law, including respect for the principles of the United Nations Charter;*

Or. en

Amendment 29
Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution
Recital M

Motion for a resolution

M. whereas the Commission has expressed hopes of starting possible negotiations already early in 2013 and to complete the negotiations before the end of the term of the current Commission;

Amendment

M. whereas the Commission has expressed hopes of starting possible negotiations already early in 2013 and to complete the negotiations before the end of the term of the current Commission; *whereas this hope appears to be completely unrealistic, as even much simpler agreements took more than three years to be negotiated;*

Or. en

Amendment 30
Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution
Recital M a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ma. whereas the duration of negotiations for deep and comprehensive trade agreements disqualify them as short term measures for job creation, at least outside the negotiating teams;

Or. en

Amendment 31
Yannick Jadot

Motion for a resolution
Recital N

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

N. whereas an open, predictable, rule-based and transparent multilateral trading system established through the World Trade Organisation (WTO) continues to represent the most suitable framework for achieving ***free***, fair and equitable trade on a global basis, whereas ***it has so far proven impossible to conclude the Doha Development Agenda (DDA) negotiations, and whereas even though*** strengthening the multilateral system remains a crucial objective, ***it*** does not preclude bilateral agreements going beyond WTO commitments ***and being complementary to*** multilateral rules;

N. whereas an open, predictable, rule-based and transparent multilateral trading system established through the World Trade Organisation (WTO) continues to represent the most suitable framework for achieving fair and equitable trade on a global basis, whereas strengthening the multilateral system remains a crucial objective ***and*** does not preclude bilateral agreements going beyond WTO commitments, ***as long as they are compatible with*** multilateral rules;

Or. en

Amendment 32
Yannick Jadot

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Considers that trade and foreign investment ***must be better used to*** stimulate smart, strong, sustainable, balanced, inclusive and resource-efficient growth, leading to higher job creation and increasing the welfare of people across the world; ***welcomes the commitment of the G8 and G20 leaders to open trade and investment, expand markets and resist protectionism in all its forms, which are necessary conditions for sustained global economic recovery, jobs and development;***

Amendment

1. Considers that trade and foreign investment, ***if employed in a framework of common industrial policy goals and informed by wider social policy and climate change objectives, can*** stimulate smart, strong, sustainable, balanced, inclusive and resource-efficient growth, leading to higher job creation and increasing the welfare of people across the world;

Or. en

Amendment 33
Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Considers that trade and foreign investment must be ***better*** used to stimulate smart, strong, sustainable, balanced, inclusive and resource-efficient growth, leading to higher job creation and increasing the welfare of people across the world; ***welcomes*** the commitment of the G8 and G20 leaders to open trade and investment, expand markets and resist protectionism in all its forms, ***which are necessary conditions for sustained global economic recovery, jobs and development;***

Amendment

1. Considers that trade and foreign investment must be used to stimulate smart, strong, sustainable, balanced, inclusive and resource-efficient growth, leading to higher job creation and increasing the welfare of people across the world; ***notes*** the commitment of the G8 and G20 leaders to open trade and investment, expand markets and resist protectionism in all its forms; ***notes that according to the monitoring group installed by the G20, the past year has not witnessed any slowdown in the imposition of new trade restricting measures by G-20 economies, as the pressure of actors on the financial markets on G-20 and EU Member States continued; notes that the***

saving of banks by a state is considered a protectionist measure; notes that the specific trade concerns mentioned most often were related to REACH;

Or. en

Amendment 34

Maria Eleni Koppa

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Considers that trade and **foreign** investment must be better used to stimulate smart, strong, sustainable, balanced, inclusive and resource-efficient growth, leading to **higher** job creation and **increasing** the welfare of **people** across the world; welcomes the commitment of the G8 and G20 leaders to open trade and investment, expand markets and resist protectionism in all its forms, which are necessary conditions for sustained global economic recovery, jobs and development;·

Amendment

1. Considers that trade and investment must be better used to stimulate smart, strong, sustainable, balanced, inclusive and resource-efficient growth, leading to job creation and **contributing to** the welfare of **peoples** across the world; welcomes the commitment of the G8 and G20 leaders to open trade and investment, expand markets and resist protectionism in all its forms, which are necessary conditions for sustained global economic recovery, jobs and development;·

Or. el

Amendment 35

Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1a. Considers that the EU should not concentrate on its relations with the US to the detriment of its relations with other regions and partners in the world, but should instead give higher priority to raising the level of economic and political relations with regions, that might be less powerful but are sharing more of the European view concerning peace, development, environment, democracy, including economic democracy, and cultural diversity;

Or. en

Amendment 36

Maria Eleni Koppa

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2. Welcomes the ongoing joint discussion between the EU and the US on how to work collectively to increase growth potential and foster financial stability in order to create high quality jobs; underlines that in order to ensure long-term prosperity and employment, a joint commitment, and effort, is needed to create new opportunities for businesses both large and small, and to capitalise on the advantages offered by the uniquely integrated transatlantic market;

2. Welcomes the ongoing joint discussion between the EU and the US on how to work collectively to increase growth potential and foster financial stability in order to create high quality jobs; underlines that in order to ensure long-term prosperity and employment, a joint commitment, and effort, is needed to create new opportunities for businesses both large and small, ***to promote entrepreneurship*** and to capitalise on the advantages offered by the uniquely integrated transatlantic market;

Or. el

Amendment 37
Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Welcomes the ongoing joint discussion between the EU and the US on how to work collectively to increase growth potential and foster financial stability in order to create high quality jobs; underlines that in order to ensure long-term prosperity and employment, a joint commitment, and effort, is needed to create new opportunities for businesses both large and small, and to capitalise on the advantages offered by *the uniquely* integrated transatlantic market;

Amendment

2. Welcomes the ongoing joint discussion between the EU and the US on how to work collectively to increase growth potential and foster financial stability in order to create high quality jobs; underlines that in order to ensure long-term prosperity and employment, a joint commitment, and effort, is needed to create new opportunities for businesses both large and small, and to capitalise on the advantages offered by *their already today very much* integrated transatlantic market; *is concerned that the HLWG does not seem to investigate other options for concerted action for jobs and growth stimulation like joint public investment strategies and measures to address issues like excessive interest rates or innovative state income generating schemes like the Tobin tax;*

Or. en

Amendment 38
Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2a. Calls for negotiations between the EU and the US and other partners on how to work collectively to tackle the environmental crisis and climate change; calls also for more joint commitment to

achieve financial market stability;

Or. en

Amendment 39

Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. ***Welcomes*** the Interim Report of the HLWG and the preliminary ***recommendations contained therein, and agrees*** that a comprehensive agreement should include an ambitious reciprocal market opening in goods, services and investment, and address the challenges of modernising trade rules and enhancing the compatibility of regulatory regimes; ***encourages the HLWG to continue its work preparing an ambitious yet feasible set of objectives and concrete deliverables for the negotiations of such a comprehensive bilateral trade and investment agreement, which would be consistent with (and supportive of) the WTO framework;***

Amendment

3. ***Notes*** the Interim Report of the HLWG and the preliminary ***recommendation*** that a comprehensive agreement should include an ambitious reciprocal market opening in goods, services and investment, and address the challenges of modernising trade rules and enhancing the compatibility of regulatory regimes; ***is aware that neither all EU Member States nor all Members of the European Parliament and of the US Congress are equally enthusiastic about this proposal; is sceptical whether a WTO compatible agreement covering substantially all trade is in reach, and encourages the HLWG therefore to prepare instead a feasible set of objectives and concrete deliverables for common measures to stimulate inclusive and sustainable growth and decent work;***

Or. en

Amendment 40

Yannick Jadot

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. ***Welcomes*** the Interim Report of the HLWG and the preliminary

Amendment

3. ***Takes note of*** the Interim Report of the HLWG and the preliminary

recommendations contained therein, **and agrees** that a comprehensive agreement should include an ambitious reciprocal market opening in goods, services and investment, and address the challenges of modernising trade rules and enhancing the compatibility of regulatory regimes; encourages the HLWG to continue its work preparing **an ambitious yet** feasible set of objectives and concrete deliverables for the negotiations of **such a comprehensive** bilateral trade and investment agreement, which would be consistent with (and supportive of) the WTO framework;

recommendations contained therein; **stresses that it would require a yet more pronounced and sustained political support of the highest political levels on both sides in order to be able to consider the HLWG recommendation** that a comprehensive agreement should include an ambitious reciprocal market opening in goods, services and investment, and address the challenges of modernising trade rules and enhancing the compatibility of regulatory regimes; encourages the HLWG **in the meantime** to continue its work preparing **a** feasible set of objectives and concrete deliverables for the negotiations of a bilateral trade and investment agreement, which would be consistent with (and supportive of) the WTO framework;

Or. en

Amendment 41

Marietje Schaake, Silvana Koch-Mehrin

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Welcomes the Interim Report of the HLWG and the preliminary recommendations contained therein, and **agrees that** a comprehensive agreement should include an ambitious reciprocal market opening in goods, services and investment, and address the challenges of modernising trade rules and enhancing the compatibility of regulatory regimes; encourages the HLWG to continue its work preparing an ambitious yet feasible set of objectives and concrete deliverables for the negotiations of such a comprehensive bilateral trade and investment agreement, which would be consistent with (and

Amendment

3. Welcomes the Interim Report of the HLWG and the preliminary recommendations contained therein, and **calls for the launch of negotiations of a comprehensive free trade agreement which** should include an ambitious reciprocal market opening in goods, services and investment, and address the challenges of modernising trade rules and enhancing the compatibility of regulatory regimes; encourages the HLWG to continue its work preparing an ambitious yet feasible set of objectives and concrete deliverables for the negotiations of such a comprehensive bilateral trade and investment agreement, which would be consistent with (and

supportive of) the WTO framework;

supportive of) the WTO framework;
*stresses the importance of mutual respect
and recognition of each other's laws and
regulations and jurisdictional autonomy
for a fruitful process and successful
outcome;*

Or. en

Amendment 42
Peter Skinner

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Welcomes the Interim Report of the HLWG and the preliminary recommendations contained therein, and agrees that a comprehensive agreement should include an ambitious reciprocal market opening in goods, services and investment, and address the challenges of modernising trade rules and enhancing the compatibility of regulatory regimes; encourages the HLWG to continue its work preparing an ambitious yet feasible set of objectives and concrete deliverables for the negotiations of such a comprehensive bilateral trade and investment agreement, which would be consistent with (and supportive of) the WTO framework;

Amendment

3. Welcomes the Interim Report of the HLWG and the preliminary recommendations contained therein, and agrees that a comprehensive agreement should include an ambitious reciprocal market opening in goods, services and investment, and address the challenges of modernising trade rules and enhancing the compatibility of regulatory regimes, *with special attention paid to the financial services sector*; encourages the HLWG to continue its work preparing an ambitious yet feasible set of objectives and concrete deliverables for the negotiations of such a comprehensive bilateral trade and investment agreement, which would be consistent with (and supportive of) the WTO framework;

Or. en

Amendment 43
Godelieve Quisthoudt-Rowohl

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Welcomes the Interim Report of the HLWG and the preliminary recommendations contained therein, and agrees that a comprehensive agreement should include an ambitious reciprocal market opening in goods, services **and investment**, and address the challenges of modernising trade rules and enhancing the compatibility of regulatory regimes; encourages the HLWG to continue its work preparing an ambitious yet feasible set of objectives and concrete deliverables for the negotiations of such a comprehensive bilateral trade and investment agreement, which would be consistent with (and supportive of) the WTO framework;

Amendment

3. Welcomes the Interim Report of the HLWG and the preliminary recommendations contained therein, and agrees that a comprehensive agreement should include an ambitious reciprocal market opening in goods, services, and address the challenges of modernising trade rules and enhancing the compatibility of regulatory regimes; encourages the HLWG to continue its work preparing an ambitious yet feasible set of objectives and concrete deliverables for the negotiations of such a comprehensive bilateral trade and investment agreement, which would be consistent with (and supportive of) the WTO framework;

Or. en

Amendment 44
Godelieve Quisthoudt-Rowohl

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 a (new)

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Amendment

3a. Finds positive and supportive the encouraging declaration by Congressman Gregory Meeks, Ranking Member of the US House of Representatives Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on Europe and Eurasia, that the service sector has immense transatlantic potential; expresses its own support, as well, for the four Members of the Parliament's Committee on International Trade, including its Chairman, who, in their aforementioned letter, specifically mentioned services - as well as public procurement, intellectual property, tariff elimination, regulatory cooperation and trade facilitation - as an area where progress would be extremely

beneficial;

Or. en

Amendment 45
Godelieve Quisthoudt-Rowohl

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Stresses the importance of continuing with the strengthening of transatlantic economic relations ***but without threatening EU policies, including*** in fields such as environmental standards, cultural diversity, social rights, public services or geographical indications, among others; emphasises that while the specific interests and sensitivities of both partners must be safeguarded in a balanced way, there are many areas where progress would be greatly beneficial, in particular ***as regards*** the removal of trade barriers, the introduction of measures to ensure better market access ***and appropriate investment conditions***, the protection of intellectual property rights (IPR), the opening up of public procurement markets to ensure full reciprocity, ***and*** the convergence on mutual recognition of regulatory standards; considers that such an intensification of economic relations would also allow for greater alignment of EU and US approaches towards addressing global economic challenges;

Amendment

4. Stresses the importance of continuing with the strengthening of transatlantic economic relations ***while supporting EU interests*** in fields such as environmental standards, cultural diversity, social rights, public services or geographical indications, among others; emphasises that while the specific interests and sensitivities of both partners must be safeguarded in a balanced way, there are many areas where progress would be greatly beneficial, in particular ***regarding*** the removal of trade barriers, the introduction of measures to ensure better market access, the protection of intellectual property rights (IPR), the opening up of public procurement markets to ensure full reciprocity, the convergence on mutual recognition of regulatory standards, ***and not simply adhering to a minimum required standard based on the WTO Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures (the SPS Agreement)***, ***but rather to strive in jointly enhancing quality and cooperation when dealing with EU and US divergent standards on food safety and plant and animal health***; considers that such an intensification of economic relations would also allow for greater alignment of EU and US approaches towards addressing global economic challenges;

Or. en

Amendment 46

Helmut Scholz, Kartika Tamara Liotard

Motion for a resolution

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Motion for a resolution

4. Stresses the importance of continuing with the strengthening of transatlantic economic relations but without threatening EU policies, including in fields such as environmental standards, cultural diversity, social rights, public services or geographical indications, ***among others***; emphasises that while the specific interests and sensitivities of both partners must be safeguarded in a balanced way, there are many areas where progress would be greatly beneficial, in particular as regards the removal of trade barriers, the introduction of measures to ensure better market access and appropriate investment conditions, the protection of intellectual property rights (IPR), ***the opening up of public procurement markets to ensure full reciprocity***, and the ***convergence on*** mutual recognition of regulatory standards; considers that such an intensification of economic relations would also allow for greater alignment of EU and US approaches towards addressing global economic challenges;

Amendment

4. Stresses the importance of continuing with the strengthening of transatlantic economic relations but without threatening EU policies, including in fields such as environmental standards, cultural diversity, social ***and labour*** rights, public services or geographical indications, ***agriculture and consumer protection, especially with regards to innovative food sectors such as GMOs and products from cloned animals and their descendents***; emphasises that while the specific interests and sensitivities of both partners must be safeguarded in a balanced way, there are many areas where progress would be greatly beneficial ***and necessary***, in particular as regards the removal of trade barriers, the introduction of measures to ensure better market access and appropriate investment conditions, the protection of intellectual property rights (IPR), ***exchange of best practice and cooperation in*** public procurement, and the ***exploration of options for*** mutual recognition of ***certain*** regulatory standards; considers that such an intensification of economic relations would also allow for greater alignment of EU and US approaches towards addressing global economic challenges;

Or. en

Amendment 47

Yannick Jadot

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Stresses the importance of continuing with the strengthening of transatlantic economic relations but without threatening EU policies, including in fields such as environmental standards, cultural diversity, social rights, public services or geographical indications, among others; emphasises that while the specific interests and sensitivities of both partners must be safeguarded in a balanced way, there are many areas where progress would be greatly beneficial, in particular as regards the removal of trade barriers, the introduction of measures to ensure better market access and appropriate investment conditions, the protection of **intellectual property rights (IPR)**, the opening up of public procurement markets to ensure full reciprocity, and the convergence on mutual recognition of regulatory standards; considers that such an intensification of economic relations would also allow for greater alignment of EU and US approaches towards addressing global economic challenges;

Amendment

4. Stresses the importance of continuing with the strengthening of transatlantic economic relations but without threatening EU policies, including in fields such as environmental standards, **public health preferences**, cultural diversity, social **and labour** rights, **the principles of a social market economy**, public services or geographical indications, among others; emphasises that while the specific interests and sensitivities of both partners must be safeguarded in a balanced way, there are many areas where progress would be greatly beneficial, in particular as regards the removal of trade barriers, the introduction of measures to ensure better market access and appropriate investment conditions, the protection of **geographical indications**, the opening up of public procurement markets to ensure full reciprocity, and the convergence on mutual recognition of regulatory standards; considers that such an intensification of economic relations would also allow for greater alignment of EU and US approaches towards addressing global economic challenges;

Or. en

Amendment 48
Vital Moreira

Motion for a resolution
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Motion for a resolution

4. Stresses the importance of continuing with the strengthening of transatlantic economic relations but without threatening

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EU policies, including in fields such as environmental standards, cultural diversity, **labour rights, consumers'** rights, public services or geographical indications, among others; emphasises that while the specific interests and sensitivities of both partners must be safeguarded in a balanced way, there are many areas where progress would be greatly beneficial, in particular as regards the removal of trade barriers, the introduction of measures to ensure better market access and appropriate investment conditions, the protection of intellectual property rights (IPR), the opening up of public procurement markets to ensure full reciprocity, and the convergence on mutual recognition of regulatory standards; considers that such an intensification of economic relations would also allow for greater alignment of EU and US approaches towards addressing global economic challenges;

Or. en

Amendment 49
Robert Sturdy

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Stresses the importance of continuing with the strengthening of transatlantic economic relations but without threatening EU policies, including in fields such as environmental standards, cultural diversity, social rights, public services or geographical indications, among others; emphasises that while the specific interests and sensitivities of both partners must be safeguarded in a balanced way, there are many areas where progress would be greatly beneficial, in particular as regards the removal of trade barriers, the

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4. Stresses the importance of continuing with the strengthening of transatlantic economic relations but without threatening EU policies, including in fields such as environmental standards, cultural diversity, social rights, public services or geographical indications, among others; emphasises that while the specific interests and sensitivities of both partners must be safeguarded in a balanced way, there are many areas where progress would be greatly beneficial, in particular as regards the removal of trade barriers, the

introduction of measures to ensure better market access and appropriate investment conditions, the protection of intellectual property rights (IPR), the opening up of public procurement markets to ensure full reciprocity, and the convergence on mutual recognition of regulatory standards; considers that such an intensification of economic relations would also allow for greater alignment of EU and US approaches towards addressing global economic challenges;

introduction of measures to ensure better market access and appropriate investment conditions, the protection of intellectual property rights (IPR), the opening up of public procurement markets to ensure full reciprocity, and the convergence on mutual recognition of regulatory standards; considers that such an intensification of economic relations would also allow for greater alignment of EU and US approaches towards addressing global economic challenges *and calls on both parties to explore the potential for harmonisation of trade preferences provided to developing countries*;

Or. en

Amendment 50
Peter Skinner

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Stresses the importance of continuing with the strengthening of transatlantic economic relations but without threatening EU policies, including in fields such as environmental standards, cultural diversity, social rights, public services or geographical indications, among others; emphasises that while the specific interests and sensitivities of both partners must be safeguarded in a balanced way, there are many areas where progress would be greatly beneficial, in particular as regards the removal of trade barriers, the introduction of measures to ensure better market access and appropriate investment conditions, the protection of intellectual property rights (IPR), the opening up of public procurement markets to ensure full reciprocity, and the convergence on mutual recognition of regulatory standards;

Amendment

4. Stresses the importance of continuing with the strengthening of transatlantic economic relations but without threatening EU policies, including in fields such as *financial services*, environmental standards, cultural diversity, social rights, public services or geographical indications, among others; emphasises that while the specific interests and sensitivities of both partners must be safeguarded in a balanced way, there are many areas where progress would be greatly beneficial, in particular as regards the removal of trade barriers, the introduction of measures to ensure better market access and appropriate investment conditions, the protection of intellectual property rights (IPR), the opening up of public procurement markets to ensure full reciprocity, and the convergence on mutual recognition of regulatory standards;

considers that such an intensification of economic relations would also allow for greater alignment of EU and US approaches towards addressing global economic challenges;

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Or. en

Amendment 51

Nora Berra, Tokia Saïfi, Marielle de Sarnez

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Stresses the importance of continuing with the strengthening of transatlantic economic relations but without threatening EU policies, including in fields such as environmental standards, cultural diversity, social rights, public services or geographical indications, among others; emphasises that while the specific interests and sensitivities of both partners must be safeguarded in a balanced way, there are many areas where progress would be greatly beneficial, in particular as regards the removal of trade barriers, the introduction of measures to ensure better market access and appropriate investment conditions, the protection of intellectual property rights (IPR), the opening up of public procurement markets to ensure full reciprocity, and the convergence on mutual recognition of regulatory standards; considers that such an intensification of economic relations would also allow for greater alignment of EU and US approaches towards addressing global economic challenges;

Amendment

4. Stresses the importance of continuing with the strengthening of transatlantic economic relations but without threatening EU policies, including in fields such as environmental standards, cultural diversity, social rights, public services or geographical indications, among others; emphasises that while the specific interests and sensitivities of both partners must be safeguarded in a balanced way, there are many areas where progress would be greatly beneficial, in particular as regards the removal of trade barriers, the introduction of measures to ensure better market access and appropriate investment conditions, the protection of intellectual property rights (IPR), the opening up of public procurement markets to ensure full reciprocity ***regarding the clarification, simplification and harmonisation of origin rules***, and the convergence on mutual recognition of regulatory standards; considers that such an intensification of economic relations would also allow for greater alignment of EU and US approaches towards addressing global

economic challenges;

Or. fr

Amendment 52
Elisabeth Köstinger

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Stresses the importance of continuing with the strengthening of transatlantic economic relations but without threatening EU policies, including in fields such as environmental standards, cultural diversity, social rights, public services or geographical indications, among others; emphasises that while the specific interests and sensitivities of both partners must be safeguarded in a balanced way, there are many areas where progress would be greatly beneficial, in particular as regards the removal of trade barriers, the introduction of measures to ensure better market access and appropriate investment conditions, the protection of intellectual property rights (IPR), the opening up of public procurement markets to ensure full reciprocity, and the convergence on mutual recognition of regulatory standards; considers that such an intensification of economic relations would also allow for greater alignment of EU and US approaches towards addressing global economic challenges;

Amendment

4. Stresses the importance of continuing with the strengthening of transatlantic economic relations but without threatening EU policies, including in fields such as environmental, **health and animal protection** standards, **food safety**, cultural diversity, social rights, public services or geographical indications, among others; emphasises that while the specific interests and sensitivities of both partners must be safeguarded in a balanced way, there are many areas where progress would be greatly beneficial, in particular as regards the removal of trade barriers, the introduction of measures to ensure better market access and appropriate investment conditions, the protection of intellectual property rights (IPR), the opening up of public procurement markets to ensure full reciprocity, and the convergence on mutual recognition of regulatory standards; considers that such an intensification of economic relations would also allow for greater alignment of EU and US approaches towards addressing global economic challenges;

Or. de

Amendment 53
Marietje Schaake

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Stresses the importance of continuing with the strengthening of transatlantic economic relations but without threatening EU policies, including in fields such as environmental standards, cultural diversity, social rights, public services or geographical indications, among others; emphasises that while the specific interests and sensitivities of both partners must be safeguarded in a balanced way, there are many areas where progress would be greatly beneficial, in particular as regards the removal of trade barriers, the introduction of measures to ensure better market access and appropriate investment conditions, the protection of intellectual property rights (IPR), the opening up of public procurement markets to ensure full reciprocity, and the convergence on mutual recognition of regulatory standards; considers that such an intensification of economic relations would also allow for greater alignment of EU and US approaches towards addressing global economic challenges;

Amendment

4. Stresses the importance of continuing with the strengthening of transatlantic economic relations but without threatening EU policies, including in fields such as environmental standards, cultural diversity, social rights, public services or geographical indications, among others; emphasises that while the specific interests and sensitivities of both partners must be safeguarded in a balanced way, there are many areas where progress would be greatly beneficial, in particular as regards the removal of trade barriers, the introduction of measures to ensure better market access and appropriate investment conditions, the **relevant** protection **and reform** of intellectual property rights (IPR), the opening up of public procurement markets to ensure full reciprocity, and the convergence on mutual recognition of regulatory standards; considers that such an intensification of economic relations would also allow for greater alignment of EU and US approaches towards addressing global economic challenges;

Or. en

Amendment 54
Godelieve Quisthoudt-Rowohl

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4a. Stresses that the enhanced protection

of geographical indications in bilateral agricultural trade will be a key issue in which significant progress is possible if both parties approach the matter in a constructive spirit of compromise; and considers enhanced protection of geographical indication as a key component that is directly related to an ambitious outcome regarding agricultural market access; supports the complete cancelation of export refunds between inter-EU-US agricultural trade;

Or. en

Amendment 55
Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4a. Calls for joint efforts to reduce military spending in order to free means for concerted public investment strategies into sustainable and inclusive growth and decent work;

Or. en

Amendment 56
Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4b. Expresses deep concerns about the lack of responsibility of the EU authorities to oppose the unilateral collection of data by the US authorities through multiple mechanisms such as

PNR, and Swift;

Or. en

Amendment 57

Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4c. Calls for speeding up the work on common industrial standards, recommends the promotion of joint research initiatives, and increased people-to-people contacts by launching exchange programmes for youth and students, teachers, researchers and academics, labourers, management, administrators, artists and media people; recommends the establishment of mutual business facilitation centres offering services in particular to SMEs and aiming to increase the cooperation and integration of the economies;

Or. en

Amendment 58

Yannick Jadot

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5. Reiterates its call for the completion of a transatlantic market by 2015, based on the principle of a social market economy, the realisation of which – alongside the completion of the EU's own single market – will be a core factor in re-launching global economic growth and recovery;

deleted

Amendment 59
Marietje Schaake

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

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Amendment

5. Reiterates its call for the completion of a transatlantic market by 2015, based on the principle of a social market economy, the realisation of which – alongside the completion of the EU's own single market – will be a core factor in re-launching global economic growth and recovery; ***deleted***

Amendment 60
Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

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Amendment

5. Reiterates its call for the completion of a transatlantic market by 2015, based on the principle of a social market economy, the realisation of which – alongside the completion of the EU's own single market – will be a core factor in re-launching global economic growth and recovery; ***deleted***

Amendment 61
Vital Moreira

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Reiterates its call for the completion of a transatlantic market by 2015, based on the principle of a social market economy, the realisation of which – alongside the completion of the EU's own single market – will be a core factor in re-launching global economic growth and recovery;

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5. Reiterates its call for the completion of a transatlantic market by 2015, based on the principle of a 'social market economy'¹ the realisation of which – alongside the completion of the EU's own single market – will be a core factor in re-launching global economic growth and recovery;

Or. en

Amendment 62

Nora Berra

Motion for a resolution
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Motion for a resolution

5. Reiterates its call for the completion of a transatlantic market by 2015, based on the principle of a social market economy, the realisation of which – alongside the completion of the EU's own single market – will be a core factor in re-launching global economic growth and recovery;

Amendment

5. Reiterates its call for the completion *if possible* of a transatlantic market by 2015, based on the principle of a social market economy, the realisation of which – alongside the completion of the EU's own single market – will be a core factor in re-launching global economic growth and recovery

Or. fr

Amendment 63
Godelieve Quisthoudt-Rowohl

¹ *Article 3(3) of the Treaty on European Union.*

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5. Reiterates its call for the completion of a transatlantic market by 2015, based on the principle of a **social** market economy, the realisation of which – alongside the completion of the EU's own single market – will be a core factor in re-launching global economic growth and recovery;

Amendment

5. Reiterates its call for the completion of a transatlantic market by 2015, based on the principle of a **free and fair** market economy, the realisation of which – alongside the completion of the EU's own single market – will be a core factor in re-launching global economic growth and recovery;

Or. en

Amendment 64

Henri Weber

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Reiterates its call for the completion of a transatlantic market by 2015, based on the principle of a social market economy, the realisation of which – alongside the completion of the EU's own single market – will be a core factor in re-launching global economic growth and recovery;

Amendment

5. Reiterates its call for the completion **if possible** of a transatlantic market by 2015, **strictly** based on the principle of a social market economy, the realisation of which – alongside the completion of the EU's own single market – will be a core factor in re-launching global economic growth and recovery;

Or. fr

Amendment 65

Daniel Caspary

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Reiterates its call for the completion of a transatlantic market by 2015, based on the principle of a social market economy, the realisation of which – alongside the completion of the EU's own single market – will be a core factor in re-launching global economic growth and recovery;

Amendment

5. Reiterates its call **for further development of the ambitious evolving Transatlantic Growth and Jobs Initiative** and the completion of a transatlantic market by 2015, based on the principle of a social market economy, the realisation of which – alongside the completion of the EU's own single market – will be a core factor in re-launching global economic growth and recovery;

Or. de

Amendment 66
Yannick Jadot

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Recognises that even though the average tariffs on transatlantic trade in goods are comparatively low, there is an interest in both the EU and US business communities to eliminate remaining tariffs; **takes the view, however, that a tariff-only free trade agreement would not be ambitious enough**; supports the goal proposed by the HLWG of eliminating all duties on bilateral trade, with the objective of achieving a substantial elimination of tariffs upon entry into force of the agreement and a phasing out of all but the most sensitive tariffs in **short** time-frame, **which could deliver significant gains, considering that EU-US bilateral trade to a large extent consists of intra-firm trade, and enhance the global competitiveness of the EU and US companies on the world stage**;

Amendment

6. Recognises that even though the average tariffs on transatlantic trade in goods are comparatively low, there is an interest in both the EU and US business communities to eliminate remaining tariffs; supports the goal proposed by the HLWG of eliminating all duties on bilateral trade **of industrial goods**, with the objective of achieving a substantial elimination of tariffs upon entry into force of the agreement and a phasing out of all but the most sensitive tariffs in **a sensitive** time-frame;

Amendment 67
Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Recognises that even though the average tariffs on transatlantic trade in goods are comparatively low, there is an interest in ***both the*** EU and US business communities to eliminate remaining tariffs; takes the view, however, that a tariff-only free trade agreement would not be ambitious enough; ***supports the goal proposed*** by the HLWG of eliminating all duties on bilateral trade, with the objective of achieving a substantial elimination of tariffs upon entry into force of the agreement and a phasing out of all but the most sensitive tariffs in short time-frame, ***which could deliver significant gains, considering that EU-US bilateral trade to a large extent consists of intra-firm trade, and enhance the global competitiveness of the EU and US companies on the world stage;***

Amendment

6. Recognises that even though the average tariffs on transatlantic trade in goods are comparatively low, there is an interest in ***some*** EU and US business communities to eliminate remaining tariffs; takes the view, however, that a tariff-only free trade agreement would not be ambitious enough; ***notes the option mentioned*** by the HLWG of eliminating all duties on bilateral trade, with the objective of achieving a substantial elimination of tariffs upon entry into force of the agreement and a phasing out of all but the most sensitive tariffs in short time-frame, ***is aware that a number of sectors in the EU as well as in the US would reject this approach; emphasises that such decisions cannot be made without a high quality social and environmental impact assessment and consultation of the civil society and citizens both in the US and EU;***

Amendment 68
Daniel Caspary

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Recognises that even though the average tariffs on transatlantic trade in goods are

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comparatively low, there is an interest in both the EU and US business communities to eliminate remaining tariffs; takes the view, however, that a tariff-only free trade agreement would not be ambitious enough; supports the goal proposed by the HLWG of eliminating all duties on bilateral trade, with the objective of achieving a substantial elimination of tariffs upon entry into force of the agreement and a phasing out of all **but the most sensitive** tariffs in short time-frame, which could deliver significant gains, considering that EU-US bilateral trade to a large extent consists of intra-firm trade, and enhance the global competitiveness of the EU and US companies on the world stage;

comparatively low, there is an interest in both the EU and US business communities to eliminate remaining tariffs; takes the view, however, that a tariff-only free trade agreement would not be ambitious enough; supports the goal proposed by the HLWG of eliminating all duties on bilateral trade, with the objective of achieving a substantial elimination of tariffs upon entry into force of the agreement and a phasing out of all tariffs in short time-frame, which could deliver significant gains, considering that EU-US bilateral trade to a large extent consists of intra-firm trade, and enhance the global competitiveness of the EU and US companies on the world stage;

Or. de

Amendment 69 **Godelieve Quisthoudt-Rowohl**

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Motion for a resolution

6. Recognises that even though the average tariffs on transatlantic trade in goods are comparatively low, there is an interest in both the EU and US business communities to eliminate remaining tariffs; takes the view, however, that a tariff-only free trade agreement would not be ambitious enough; supports the goal proposed by the HLWG of eliminating all duties on bilateral trade, with the objective of achieving a substantial elimination of tariffs upon entry into force of the agreement **and a phasing out of all but the most sensitive tariffs in short time-frame**, which could deliver significant gains, considering that EU-US bilateral trade to a large extent consists of intra-firm trade, and enhance the global competitiveness of the EU and US

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6. Recognises that even though the average tariffs on transatlantic trade in goods are comparatively low, there is an interest in both the EU and US business communities to eliminate remaining tariffs; takes the view, however, that a tariff-only free trade agreement would not be ambitious enough; supports the goal proposed by the HLWG of eliminating all duties on bilateral trade, with the objective of achieving a substantial elimination of tariffs upon entry into force of the agreement, which could deliver significant gains, considering that EU-US bilateral trade to a large extent consists of intra-firm trade, and enhance the global competitiveness of the EU and US companies on the world stage;

companies on the world stage;

Or. en

Amendment 70
Robert Sturdy

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Motion for a resolution

6. Recognises that even though the average tariffs on transatlantic trade in goods are comparatively low, there is **an** interest in both the EU and US business communities to eliminate remaining tariffs; takes the view, however, that a tariff-only free trade agreement would not be ambitious enough; supports the goal proposed by the HLWG of eliminating all duties on bilateral trade, with the objective of achieving a substantial elimination of tariffs upon entry into force of the agreement and a phasing out of all but the most sensitive tariffs in short time-frame, which could deliver significant gains, considering that EU-US bilateral trade to a large extent consists of intra-firm trade, and enhance the global competitiveness of the EU and US companies on the world stage;

Amendment

6. Recognises that even though the average tariffs on transatlantic trade in goods are comparatively low, ***the vast size of the EU-US commercial relationship means that the potential economic benefits would be far larger than any previous trade agreement*** and there is ***a strong*** interest in both the EU and US business communities to eliminate remaining tariffs; takes the view, however, that a tariff-only free trade agreement would not be ambitious enough ***given that the largest economic gains are to be had in reducing the level of non-tariff barriers***; supports the goal proposed by the HLWG of eliminating all duties on bilateral trade, with the objective of achieving a substantial elimination of tariffs upon entry into force of the agreement and a phasing out of all but the most sensitive tariffs in short time-frame, which could deliver significant gains, considering that EU-US bilateral trade to a large extent consists of intra-firm trade, and enhance the global competitiveness of the EU and US companies on the world stage;

Or. en

Amendment 71
Peter Skinner

Motion for a resolution
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Motion for a resolution

6. Recognises that even though the average tariffs on transatlantic trade in goods are comparatively low, there is an interest in both the EU and US business communities to eliminate remaining tariffs; takes the view, however, that a tariff-only free trade agreement would not be ambitious enough; supports the goal proposed by the HLWG of eliminating all duties on bilateral trade, with the objective of achieving a substantial elimination of tariffs upon entry into force of the agreement and a phasing out of all but the most sensitive tariffs in short time-frame, which could deliver significant gains, considering that EU-US bilateral trade to a large extent consists of intra-firm trade, and enhance the global competitiveness of the EU and US companies on the world stage;

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6. Recognises that even though the average tariffs on transatlantic trade in goods are comparatively low, there is an interest in both the EU and US business communities to eliminate remaining tariffs; takes the view, however, that a tariff-only free trade agreement would not be ambitious enough; supports the goal proposed by the HLWG of eliminating all duties on bilateral trade, with the objective of achieving a substantial elimination of tariffs upon entry into force of the agreement and a phasing out of all but the most sensitive tariffs in short time-frame, which could deliver significant gains, considering that EU-US bilateral trade to a large extent consists of intra-firm trade, and enhance the global competitiveness of the EU and US companies on the world stage; ***encourages the discussion of the inclusion of a financial services chapter given the interconnected nature of our markets;***

Or. en

Amendment 72
Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Supports the view that given the low average tariffs, the key to unlocking the potential of the transatlantic relationship lies in the tackling of non-tariff barriers (NTBs), consisting mainly of customs procedures and behind-the-border regulatory restrictions; supports the ambition proposed by the HLWG to move

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7. Recognises that no agreement could resolve all existing regulatory issues immediately while fully respecting the right of each side to regulate in a manner that ensures the protection of health, safety and environment at the level that each side deems appropriate;

progressively towards an even more integrated transatlantic marketplace, while recognising that no agreement could resolve all existing regulatory issues immediately *and* while fully respecting the right of each side to regulate in a manner that ensures the protection of health, safety and environment at the level that each side deems appropriate;

Or. en

Amendment 73

Godelieve Quisthoudt-Rowohl, Daniel Caspary

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Supports the view that given *the* low average tariffs, the key to unlocking the potential of the transatlantic relationship lies in the tackling of non-tariff barriers (NTBs), consisting mainly of customs procedures and behind-the-border regulatory restrictions; supports the ambition proposed by the HLWG to move progressively towards an even more integrated transatlantic marketplace, while *recognising that no* agreement *could* resolve all existing regulatory issues immediately *and* while fully respecting the right of each side to regulate in a manner that ensures the protection of health, safety and environment at the level that each side deems appropriate;

Amendment

7. Supports the view that, given *already-existent* low average tariffs, the key to unlocking the potential of the transatlantic relationship lies in the tackling of non-tariff barriers (NTBs), consisting mainly of customs procedures and behind-the-border regulatory restrictions; supports the ambition proposed by the HLWG to move progressively towards an even more integrated transatlantic marketplace; *recognises that*, while *an* agreement *may not* resolve all existing regulatory issues immediately, *an institutionalization of inter-compatibility between EU and US regulatory regimes would greatly facilitate transatlantic commerce while setting a bold global standard; reiterates as well the necessity of* fully respecting the right of each side to regulate in a manner that ensures the protection of health, safety and environment at the level that each side deems appropriate, *as well as taking into historical account transatlantic divergence on issues such as the planting of genetically modified organisms and*

certain issues of animal welfare;

Or. en

Amendment 74

Henri Weber

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Supports the view that given the low average tariffs, the key to unlocking the potential of the transatlantic relationship lies in the tackling of non-tariff barriers (NTBs), consisting mainly of customs procedures and behind-the-border regulatory restrictions; supports the ambition proposed by the HLWG to move progressively towards an even more integrated transatlantic marketplace, while recognising that **no** agreement could resolve all existing regulatory issues immediately and while fully respecting the right of each side to regulate in a manner that ensures the protection of health, safety and environment at the level that each side deems appropriate;

Amendment

7. Supports the view that given the low average tariffs, the key to unlocking the potential of the transatlantic relationship lies in the tackling of non-tariff barriers (NTBs), consisting mainly of customs procedures and behind-the-border regulatory restrictions; ***notes accordingly that a tariff agreement alone will not be sufficient for either side;*** supports the ambition proposed by the HLWG to move progressively towards an even more integrated transatlantic marketplace, while recognising that ***an*** agreement could ***not a priory*** resolve all existing regulatory issues immediately and ***must be negotiated*** while fully respecting the right of each side to regulate in a manner that ensures the protection of health, safety and environment at the level that each side deems appropriate

Or. fr

Amendment 75

Nora Berra

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

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Or. fr

Amendment 76

Maria Eleni Koppa

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

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Or. el

Amendment 77

Yannick Jadot

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7a. Reminds that the regulatory cultures on both sides of the Atlantic are highly diverse, rooting in historically different perspectives of the role of the state and the autonomy of sub-national entities; is convinced that approximation of the regulatory cultures will need a step by step approach and that forcing such a development would lead to adverse effects; in this sense, calls on the Commission to seek convergences in fields of regulation which are not yet

socially connotated, such as in the field of emerging technologies;

Or. en

Amendment 78

Silvana Koch-Mehrin, Marietje Schaake

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Recognises that *unnecessary differences* **and** overly burdensome regulatory standards serve as significant barriers to trade, and that additional growth could follow from addressing such barriers; underlines the need to avoid creating new (even if unintended) barriers to trade and investment, especially in key emerging technologies and innovative sectors; supports efforts towards upstream regulatory cooperation on standards, regulatory coherence, and better alignment of standards, to further promote trade and growth that could improve efficiency and effectively address NTBs;

Amendment

8. Recognises that overly burdensome regulatory standards serve as significant barriers to trade, and that additional growth could follow from addressing such barriers; underlines the need to avoid creating new (even if unintended) barriers to trade and investment, especially in key emerging technologies and innovative sectors; supports efforts towards upstream regulatory cooperation on standards, regulatory coherence, and better alignment of standards, to further promote trade and growth that could improve efficiency and effectively address NTBs;

Or. en

Amendment 79

Godelieve Quisthoudt-Rowohl, Daniel Caspary

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Recognises that unnecessary differences and overly burdensome regulatory standards serve as significant barriers to trade, and that additional growth could follow from addressing such barriers;

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underlines the need to avoid creating new (even if unintended) barriers to trade and investment, especially in key emerging technologies and innovative sectors; supports efforts towards upstream regulatory cooperation on standards, regulatory coherence, and better alignment of standards, to further promote trade and growth that could improve efficiency and effectively address NTBs; ***reinforces the HLWG's claim that any deal negotiated that would exclude regulatory cooperation and reform would be economically insignificant and politically untenable on both sides;***

Or. en

Amendment 80

Helmut Scholz, Kartika Tamara Liotard

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Recognises that unnecessary differences and overly burdensome regulatory standards serve as significant barriers to trade, and that additional growth could follow from addressing such barriers; underlines the need to avoid creating new (even if unintended) barriers to trade and investment, especially in key emerging technologies and innovative sectors; supports efforts towards upstream regulatory cooperation on standards, regulatory coherence, and better alignment of standards, to further promote trade and growth that could improve efficiency and effectively address NTBs;

Amendment

8. Recognises that unnecessary differences and overly burdensome regulatory standards serve as significant barriers to trade and that additional growth could follow from addressing such barriers, ***reiterates however that when these differences have arisen due to EU policies grounded in strong democratic, cultural and socio-economic principles, like in the case of data protection, including cloud computing, or innovative food sectors such as GMOs and products from cloned animals and their descendents, this should be respected;*** underlines the need to avoid creating new (even if unintended) barriers to trade and investment, especially in key emerging technologies and innovative sectors; supports efforts towards upstream regulatory cooperation on standards, regulatory coherence, and better

alignment of standards, to further promote trade and growth that could improve efficiency and effectively address NTBs;

Or. en

Amendment 81
Marietje Schaake

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Recognises that unnecessary differences and overly burdensome regulatory standards serve as significant barriers to trade, and that additional growth could follow from addressing such barriers; underlines the need to avoid creating new (even if unintended) barriers to trade and investment, especially in key emerging technologies and innovative sectors; supports efforts towards upstream regulatory cooperation on standards, regulatory coherence, and better alignment of standards, to further promote trade and growth that could improve efficiency and effectively address NTBs;

Amendment

8. Recognises that unnecessary differences and overly burdensome regulatory standards serve as significant barriers to trade, and that additional growth could follow from addressing such barriers; underlines the need to avoid creating new (even if unintended) barriers to trade and investment, especially in key emerging technologies and innovative sectors; supports efforts towards **maximum** upstream regulatory cooperation on standards, regulatory coherence, and better alignment of standards, to further promote trade and growth that could improve efficiency and effectively address NTBs;

Or. en

Amendment 82
Silvana Koch-Mehrin, Marietje Schaake

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8a. Stresses that regulatory compatibility is the foremost challenge of an ambitious transatlantic agreement; underlines the importance of the principle of mutual

recognition and recalls in this respect that regulatory differences and behind-the-border measures constitute a particular barrier to trade for SMEs;

Or. en

Amendment 83
Marietje Schaake, Silvana Koch-Mehrin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Calls on the stakeholders to make full use of the invitation launched by the HLWG to present, before the end of 2012, concrete proposals to address the impact on trade of the regulatory differences that unnecessarily impede trade;

Amendment

9. Calls on the stakeholders to make full use of the invitation launched by the HLWG to present, before the end of 2012, concrete proposals to address the impact on trade of the regulatory differences that unnecessarily impede trade; *urges stakeholders on both sides of the Atlantic to work together where possible to establish joint positions;*

Or. en

Amendment 84
Godelieve Quisthoudt-Rowohl

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Recognises that expanding trade in services, and taking steps to promote investment and procurement, can bring additional benefits to both economies, as well as create opportunities for collaboration on trade issues of common concern;

Amendment

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 85
Silvana Koch-Mehrin, Marietje Schaake

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Recognises that expanding trade in services, and taking steps to promote investment and procurement, **can** bring additional benefits to both economies, as well as create opportunities for collaboration on trade issues of common concern;

Amendment

10. Recognises that expanding trade in services, and taking steps to promote investment and procurement, ***should be a key prerogative for any future transatlantic agreement in order to*** bring additional benefits to both economies, as well as create opportunities for collaboration on trade issues of common concern;

Or. en

Amendment 86
Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Recognises that expanding trade in services, and taking steps to promote investment and procurement, can bring additional benefits to both economies, as well as create opportunities for collaboration on trade issues of common concern;

Amendment

10. Recognises that expanding trade in services, and taking steps to promote investment and procurement, can bring additional benefits to both economies, as well as create opportunities for collaboration on trade issues of common concern; ***expects from the HLWG to address in its final document also all issues relating to Mode IV;***

Or. en

Amendment 87
Marietje Schaake, Silvana Koch-Mehrin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Supports the ambition of the HLWG to **keep and share the highest** level of services liberalisation achieved by the EU and the US in existing free trade agreements, **while improving market access through** addressing remaining long-standing barriers **and** recognising the sensitive nature of certain sectors;

Amendment

11. ***Notes that the service sector represents the predominant source of employment and GDP in both the EU and the US;*** Supports the ambition of the HLWG to ***go beyond the*** level of services liberalisation achieved by the EU and the US in existing free trade agreements ***by*** addressing remaining long-standing barriers, ***including modes of services delivery,*** ***while also*** recognising the sensitive nature of certain sectors; ***considers that these provisions should be rooted in the framework of GATS, whilst using negative instead of positive listing, and aligned with negotiations for a plurilateral agreement on services so that these efforts remain consistent with the multilateral system; believes that increased regulatory coherence in services could also improve the integration of the single market in services within the EU and the US;***

Or. en

Amendment 88
Yannick Jadot

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. ***Supports*** the ambition of the HLWG to keep and share the highest level of services liberalisation achieved by the EU and the US in existing free trade agreements, while improving market access through addressing remaining long-standing barriers and recognising the sensitive

Amendment

11. ***Takes note of*** the ambition of the HLWG to keep and share the highest level of services liberalisation achieved by the EU and the US in existing free trade agreements, while improving market access through addressing remaining long-standing barriers and recognising the

nature of certain sectors;

sensitive nature of certain sectors;
underlines that the EU and the US maintain highly different definitions of public services and of services of general economic interest; recommends further work of the HLWG to define more precisely which service sectors could sensibly be included in bilateral trade negotiations without undermining the different perceptions of public services on both sides;

Or. en

Amendment 89

Godelieve Quisthoudt-Rowohl, Daniel Caspary

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

11. Supports the ambition of the HLWG to keep and share the highest level of services liberalisation achieved by the EU and the US in existing free trade agreements, while improving market access through addressing remaining long-standing barriers and recognising the sensitive nature of certain sectors; ***calls for greater cooperation in the Exchange of Best Practices in order to improve transatlantic public sector efficiency; recommends increased mutual dialog on the future of Cloud Computing, as well as the advances and production of electric vehicles;***

Or. en

Amendment 90

Robert Sturdy

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11 a (new)

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Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11a. Calls in particular for every effort to be made towards the creation of truly open and integrated transatlantic financial services and digital markets given the positive effects this would have on both sides of the Atlantic in a reasonably short time frame;

Or. en

Amendment 91

Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12. Supports, in recognition of the importance of investment for boosting economic growth, the aim proposed by the HLWG of negotiating investment liberalisation and protection provisions on the basis of the highest levels of liberalisation and protection that both sides have negotiated to date;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 92

Godelieve Quisthoudt-Rowohl

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12. Supports, in recognition of the importance of investment for boosting economic growth, the aim proposed by the HLWG of negotiating investment

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liberalisation *and protection provisions on the basis of the highest levels of liberalisation and protection that both sides have negotiated to date*;

investment liberalisation *between the EU and the US*; *deems unnecessary, however, further discussion of investment protection provisions, due to the high level of judicial independence both markets currently enjoy*;

Or. en

Amendment 93
Yannick Jadot

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Supports, in recognition of the importance of investment for boosting economic growth, the aim proposed by the HLWG of negotiating investment liberalisation and protection provisions on the basis of the *highest levels of liberalisation and protection that both sides have negotiated to date*;

Amendment

12. Supports, in recognition of the importance of investment for boosting economic growth, the aim proposed by the HLWG of negotiating investment liberalisation and protection provisions on the basis of the *recommendations of the European Parliament for the new EU-wide investment competence*¹;

Or. en

Amendment 94
Daniel Caspary, Godelieve Quisthoudt-Rowohl

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

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¹ *European Parliament resolution of 6 April 2011 on the Future European international investment policy (Texts adopted, P7_TA(2011)0141).*

the basis of the highest levels of liberalisation and protection that both sides have negotiated to date;

subject to examination of the need for comprehensive investment protection in OECD countries, on the basis of the highest levels of liberalisation and protection that both sides have negotiated to date;

Or. de

Amendment 95

Marietje Schaake, Silvana Koch-Mehrin

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Supports, in recognition of the importance of investment for boosting economic growth, the aim proposed by the HLWG of negotiating investment liberalisation and protection provisions on the basis of the highest levels of liberalisation and protection that both sides have negotiated to date;

Amendment

12. Supports, in recognition of the importance of investment for boosting economic growth, the aim proposed by the HLWG of negotiating investment liberalisation and protection provisions on the basis of the highest levels of liberalisation and protection that both sides have negotiated to date; ***reiterates the necessity to define without delay a strong common investment protection policy, including a system of investor-state-dispute-settlement, so as to equip the Commission with a solid basis for future negotiations; cautions that if the EU-US negotiations include an investor-to-state dispute mechanism, this should also be balanced by provisions guaranteeing the right to regulate in a non-discriminatory manner particularly in sensitive areas such as environmental protection, consumer protection and health and safety legislation;***

Or. en

Amendment 96

Yannick Jadot

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Calls on both parties to ***open up further*** their ***respective*** public procurement markets ***to each other in order to ensure full reciprocity***, and supports the goal proposed by the HLWG of enhancing business opportunities through substantially improved access to public procurement opportunities ***at all levels of government on the basis of national treatment; recalls the significance for transatlantic trade of open procurement markets that offer equal access to all suppliers, in particular to small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs)***; reiterates the view that EU SMEs should have the same level of advantages and possibilities as regards public tenders in the US as they enjoy inside the EU;

Amendment

13. Calls on both parties to ***ensure full reciprocity in the openness of*** their public procurement markets, ***while contemplating the sensuousness of geographical preferences in certain sectors as employed in the US***, and supports the goal proposed by the HLWG of enhancing business opportunities through substantially improved access to public procurement opportunities; reiterates the view that EU SMEs should have the same level of advantages and possibilities as regards public tenders in the US as they enjoy inside the EU;

Or. en

Amendment 97
Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Calls on both parties ***to open up further their respective public*** procurement markets ***to each other in order to ensure full reciprocity, and supports the goal proposed by the HLWG of enhancing business opportunities through substantially improved access to public procurement opportunities*** at all levels of government ***on the basis of national treatment***; recalls the significance ***for transatlantic trade of open***

Amendment

13. Calls on both parties ***for the exchange of best practice and cooperation in*** procurement markets, ***in respect to the highest social, environmental and cultural regulations and consumer protection*** at all levels of government ***of both partners***; recalls the significance ***of*** equal access in particular ***of*** small and medium sized enterprises; reiterates the view that EU SMEs should have the same level of advantages and possibilities as regards

procurement markets that offer equal access *to all suppliers*, in particular *to* small and medium-sized enterprises (*SMEs*); reiterates the view that EU SMEs should have the same level of advantages and possibilities as regards public tenders in the US as they enjoy inside the EU;

public tenders in the US as they enjoy inside the EU;

Or. en

Amendment 98
Godelieve Quisthoudt-Rowohl

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Calls on both parties to open up further their respective public procurement markets to each other in order to ensure full reciprocity, and supports the goal proposed by the HLWG of enhancing business opportunities through substantially improved access to public procurement opportunities at all levels of government on the basis of national treatment; recalls the significance for transatlantic trade of open procurement markets that offer equal access to all suppliers, in particular to small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs); reiterates the view that EU SMEs should have the same level of advantages and possibilities as regards public tenders in the US as they enjoy inside the EU;

Amendment

13. Calls on both parties to open up further their respective public procurement markets to each other in order to ensure full reciprocity *and transparency*, and supports the goal proposed by the HLWG of enhancing business opportunities through substantially improved access to public procurement opportunities at all levels of government on the basis of national treatment; *understands that US public procurement jurisdiction falls also under individual states; takes the position, however, that to under-stress the opening of EU and US public procurement markets would risk the comprehensiveness of the treaty, therefore echoes the call of the 22 February 2012 bipartisan US Senate letter which strongly urges action in further opening public procurement markets*; recalls the significance for transatlantic trade of open procurement markets that offer equal access to all suppliers, in particular to small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs); reiterates the view that EU SMEs should have the same level of advantages and possibilities as regards public tenders in the US as they enjoy inside the EU, *and*

reminds that the HLWG has specifically identified horizontal provisions on SMEs as an area with a high possibility of receiving transatlantic support;

Or. en

Amendment 99

Marietje Schaake, Silvana Koch-Mehrin

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Calls on both parties to open up further their respective public procurement markets to each other in order to ensure full reciprocity, and supports the goal proposed by the HLWG of enhancing business opportunities through substantially improved access to public procurement opportunities at all levels of government on the basis of national treatment; recalls the significance for transatlantic trade of open procurement markets that offer equal access to all suppliers, in particular to small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs); reiterates the view that EU SMEs should have the same level of advantages and possibilities as regards public tenders in the US as they enjoy inside the EU;

Amendment

13. Calls on both parties to open up further their respective public procurement markets to each other in order to ensure full reciprocity, and supports the goal proposed by the HLWG of enhancing business opportunities through substantially improved access to public procurement opportunities at all levels of government on the basis of national treatment; ***considers that the procurement chapter should not only address existing market access issues but include a mechanism to prevent the development of new barriers***; recalls the significance for transatlantic trade of open procurement markets that offer equal access to all suppliers, in particular to small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs); reiterates the view that EU SMEs should have the same level of advantages and possibilities as regards public tenders in the US as they enjoy inside the EU;

Or. en

Amendment 100

Robert Sturdy

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Calls on both parties to open up further their respective public procurement markets to each other ***in order to ensure full reciprocity***, and supports the goal proposed by the HLWG of enhancing business opportunities through substantially improved access to public procurement opportunities at all levels of government on the basis of national treatment; recalls the significance for transatlantic trade of open procurement markets that offer equal access to all suppliers, in particular to small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs); reiterates the view that EU SMEs should have the same level of advantages and possibilities as regards public tenders in the US as they enjoy inside the EU;

Amendment

13. Calls on both parties to open up further their respective public procurement markets to each other, and supports the goal proposed by the HLWG of enhancing business opportunities through substantially improved access to public procurement opportunities at all levels of government on the basis of national treatment; recalls the significance for transatlantic trade of open procurement markets that offer equal access to all suppliers, in particular to small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs); reiterates the view that EU SMEs should have the same level of advantages and possibilities as regards public tenders in the US as they enjoy inside the EU;

Or. en

Amendment 101
Daniel Caspary

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Calls on both parties to open up further their respective public procurement markets to each other in ***order to ensure*** full reciprocity, and supports the goal proposed by the HLWG of enhancing business opportunities through substantially improved access to public procurement opportunities at all levels of government on the basis of national treatment; recalls the significance for transatlantic trade of open procurement markets that offer equal access to all

Amendment

13. Calls on both parties to open up further their respective public procurement markets to each other in ***a bid to achieve*** full reciprocity, and supports the goal proposed by the HLWG of enhancing business opportunities through substantially improved access to public procurement opportunities at all levels of government on the basis of national treatment; recalls the significance for transatlantic trade of open procurement markets that offer equal access to all

suppliers, in particular to small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs); reiterates the view that EU SMEs should have the same level of advantages and possibilities as regards public tenders in the US as they enjoy inside the EU;

suppliers, in particular to small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs); reiterates the view that EU SMEs should have the same level of advantages and possibilities as regards public tenders in the US as they enjoy inside the EU;

Or. de

Amendment 102

Godelieve Quisthoudt-Rowohl

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Affirms the importance of IPR to stimulate job and economic growth, and the significance, therefore, that high standards be maintained for IPR protection and enforcement, while promoting the free flow of information; ***agrees with the assessment of the HLWG that even though both the EU and US are committed to high level of IPR protection and enforcement, it might not be feasible, in eventual negotiations, to seek to reconcile across-the-board differences with regards to the IPR obligations typically included in EU and US trade agreements; underlines, however, that the approach proposed for negotiations should be ambitious, aiming at solving the areas of divergence, while dealing with the IPR matters in a mutually satisfactory manner;***

Amendment

14. Affirms the importance of IPR to stimulate job and economic growth, and the significance, therefore, that high standards be maintained for IPR protection and enforcement, while promoting the free flow of information; ***stresses that the EU should not be afraid to negotiate ambitiously in aiming to solve areas of divergence when dealing with the IPR matters in a mutually satisfactory manner; reiterates that both EU and US growth and job creation efforts rely on the ability to innovate and produce creatively, and as such the transatlantic economy is threatened when unique ideas are counterfeited and its citizens' products are pirated;***

Or. en

Amendment 103

Yannick Jadot, Amelia Andersdotter

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Affirms the importance of IPR to stimulate job and economic growth, **and the significance, therefore, that high standards be maintained for IPR protection and enforcement, while promoting the free flow of information**; agrees with the assessment of the HLWG that even though both the EU and US are committed to high level of IPR protection and enforcement, it might not be feasible, in eventual negotiations, to seek to reconcile across-the-board differences with regards to the IPR obligations typically included in EU and US trade agreements; underlines, however, that the approach proposed for negotiations should be ambitious, aiming at solving the areas of divergence, while dealing with the IPR matters in a mutually satisfactory manner;

Amendment

14. Affirms the importance of IPR to stimulate job and economic growth; agrees with the assessment of the HLWG that even though both the EU and US are committed to high level of IPR protection and enforcement, it might not be feasible, in eventual negotiations, to seek to reconcile across-the-board differences with regards to the IPR obligations typically included in EU and US trade agreements; underlines, however, that the approach proposed for negotiations should be ambitious, aiming at solving the areas of divergence, while dealing with the IPR matters in a mutually satisfactory manner, **fully taking into account the rejection of the ACTA Agreement by the European Parliament**;

Or. en

Amendment 104
Marietje Schaake

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Affirms the importance of IPR to stimulate job and economic growth, and the significance, therefore, that high standards be maintained for IPR protection and enforcement, while promoting the free flow of information; agrees with the assessment of the HLWG that **even though** both the EU and US are committed to **high level of** IPR protection and enforcement, it might not be feasible, in eventual negotiations, to seek to reconcile across-

Amendment

14. Affirms the importance of IPR to stimulate job and economic growth, and the significance, therefore, that high standards be maintained for **relevant** IPR protection and enforcement, while promoting the free flow of information **and preserving the open nature of the internet**; agrees with the assessment of the HLWG that **while** both the EU and US are committed to IPR protection and enforcement, it might not be feasible, in

the-board differences with regards to the IPR obligations typically included in EU and US trade agreements; underlines, however, that the approach proposed for negotiations should be ambitious, aiming at solving the areas of divergence, while dealing with the IPR matters in a mutually satisfactory manner;

eventual negotiations, to seek to reconcile across-the-board differences with regards to the IPR obligations typically included in EU and US trade agreements; underlines, however, that the approach proposed for negotiations should be ambitious, aiming at solving the areas of divergence, while dealing with the IPR matters in a mutually satisfactory manner; ***believes, that copyright reform is essential for optimizing the opportunities for both EU and US businesses and content providers in the global digital economy; considers the new EU-US Information and Communication Technology principles as an encouragement for increased synergy;***

Or. en

Amendment 105

Henri Weber

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Affirms the importance of IPR to stimulate job and economic growth, and the significance, therefore, that high standards be maintained for IPR protection and enforcement, while promoting the free flow of information; ***agrees with*** the assessment of the HLWG that even though both the EU and US are committed to high level of IPR protection and enforcement, it might not be feasible, in eventual negotiations, to seek to reconcile across-the-board differences with regards to the IPR obligations typically included in EU and US trade agreements; underlines, however, that the approach proposed for

Amendment

14. Affirms the importance of IPR to stimulate job and economic growth, and the significance, therefore, that high standards be maintained for IPR protection and enforcement, while promoting the free flow of information; ***;*** ***notes*** the assessment of the HLWG that even though both the EU and US are committed to high level of IPR protection and enforcement, it might not be feasible, in eventual negotiations, to seek to reconcile across-the-board differences with regards to the IPR obligations typically included in EU and US trade agreements; underlines, however, that the approach proposed for negotiations

negotiations should be ambitious, *aiming at solving the areas of divergence, while dealing with* the IPR matters in a mutually satisfactory manner;

should be ambitious *and deal with all* the IPR matters *in a future agreement* in a mutually satisfactory manner, *while ensuring a satisfactory level of protection for economic operators*;

Or. fr

Amendment 106
Elisabeth Köstinger

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14a. Stresses the importance of food safety for both EU and US; welcomes accordingly the EU-US partnership agreement on the mutual recognition of organic food, which entered into force on 1 June 2012; refers in this connection to what are sensitive areas for both parties, such as genetically modified organisms or geographical indications of origin; respects the right of both sides to introduce provisions concerning food safety, the protection of consumers and their health and safety and production safety for farmers;

Or. de

Amendment 107
Elisabeth Köstinger

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14b. acknowledges that the EU and US are major trading partners on world agricultural markets and have developed different export support measures, which should figure prominently in EU-US dialogue and subsequently facilitate multilateral dialogue;

Or. de

Amendment 108

Yannick Jadot

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. ***Supports, in principle***, the aim proposed by the HLWG also to develop new trade rules in a number of areas, ***as this could be of relevance to bilateral commerce as well as contribute to rule-making both in the context of third-country policies and trade agreements and at the multilateral level;***

Amendment

15. ***Underlines that*** the aim proposed by the HLWG also to develop new trade rules in a number of areas ***could make rule-making both in the context of third-country policies and trade agreements and at the multilateral level more difficult and impede the emergence of needed new global trade rules reflecting the evolving global supply chain economy; stresses that the development of new trade rules must involve all global players and hence should remain firmly anchored in the frame of the WTO; calls on the EU and the US to guarantee full compatibility with WTO rules in all endeavours geared to establish new bilateral trade rules;***

Or. en

Amendment 109

Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Supports, in principle, the aim proposed by the HLWG also to develop new trade rules in a number of areas, ***as this could be of*** relevance to bilateral ***commerce*** as well as contribute to rule-making both in the context of third-country policies and trade agreements and at the multilateral level;

Amendment

15. Supports, in principle, the aim proposed by the HLWG also to develop new trade rules in a number of areas, ***which, having*** relevance to ***both***, bilateral, as well as ***to third countries, must include from the very beginning the participation of all interested trading partners and regions and so*** contribute to rule-making both in the context of third-country policies and trade agreements and at the multilateral level;

Or. en

Amendment 110
Marietje Schaake, Silvana Koch-Mehrin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15a. Notes that the EU has negotiated or is negotiating free trade agreements with other members of NAFTA, Mexico and Canada; therefore, asks the Commission and its US counterparts to consider formulating a provision in the potential EU-US free trade agreement allowing for a future harmonisation of these agreements to form a region-to-region EU-NAFTA agreement;

Or. en

Amendment 111
Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Reiterates its full commitment to the multilateral trading system, and to the WTO as the guarantor of a rules-based trade; takes the view, however, that due to the persistent deadlock with regard to the ***original architecture and objectives of the DDA, the*** debate on how to strengthen the WTO, and on how to prepare it for the upcoming challenges, ***must be resumed as soon as possible***;

Amendment

16. Reiterates its full commitment to the multilateral trading system, and to the WTO as the guarantor of a rules-based trade; takes the view, however, that due to the persistent deadlock ***in negotiations between the US, India and Brazil*** with regard to the ***DDA, the EU should strive to mediate; invites Congress to a joint*** debate ***with the European Parliament*** on how to strengthen the WTO, and on how to prepare it for the upcoming challenges;

Or. en

Amendment 112
Yannick Jadot

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Reiterates its full commitment to the multilateral trading system, ***and to*** the WTO as the ***guarantor of*** a rules-based trade; takes the view, ***however, that due to*** the persistent deadlock with regard to the original architecture and objectives of the DDA, the debate on how to strengthen the WTO, ***and on*** how to prepare it for the upcoming challenges, must be resumed as soon as possible;

Amendment

16. Reiterates its full commitment to the multilateral trading system, ***as embodied by*** the WTO, as the ***only legitimate forum of developing and guaranteeing*** a rules-based trade; takes the view ***that notwithstanding*** the persistent deadlock with regard to the original architecture and objectives of the DDA, the debate on how to strengthen the WTO, how to prepare it for the upcoming challenges, ***and how to more firmly anchor the WTO in the hierarchy of UN norms***, must be resumed as soon as possible;

Or. en

Amendment 113
Robert Sturdy

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. **Reiterates** its full commitment to the multilateral trading system, and to the WTO as the guarantor of a rules-based trade; takes the view, however, that due to the persistent deadlock with regard to the original architecture and objectives of the DDA, the debate on how to strengthen the WTO, and on how to prepare it for the upcoming challenges, must be resumed as soon as possible;

Amendment

16. **Underlines** its full commitment to the multilateral trading system, and to the WTO as the guarantor of a rules-based trade ***system which must remain the basis for exchanges in the 21st Century despite the emergence of a multi-polar world***; takes the view, however, that due to the persistent deadlock with regard to the original architecture and objectives of the DDA, the debate on how to strengthen the WTO, and on how to prepare it for the upcoming challenges, must be resumed as soon as possible;

Or. en

Amendment 114
Maria Eleni Koppa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. takes the view, however, that due to the persistent deadlock with regard to the original architecture and objectives of the DDA, the debate on how to strengthen the WTO, and on how to prepare it for the upcoming challenges, must be resumed as soon as possible;

Amendment

16. takes the view, however, that due to the persistent deadlock with regard to the original architecture and objectives of the DDA, the debate on how to ***reform and*** strengthen the WTO, ***with a view to making it more democratic and effective***, and on how to prepare it for the upcoming challenges, must be resumed as soon as possible

Amendment 115

Robert Sturdy

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 16 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16a. Reiterates that the multilateral trading system, embodied in the WTO, remains by far the best framework for achieving free and fair trade on a global basis; believes, nevertheless, that strengthened bilateral relations aimed at the promotion of growth and employment in the face on current economic difficulties are compatible with and supportive of future and ongoing multilateral discussions and negotiations as they too are rules based as well as being open and transparent in nature;

Or. en

Amendment 116

Yannick Jadot

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17. *Agrees that* careful preparation is needed to ensure that such a negotiation for a comprehensive bilateral trade and investment agreement, if undertaken, would deliver concrete results and would be concluded in a timely manner; ***looks forward to the final report (including a recommendation on a decision as to the negotiations) of the HLWG; asks the***

17. *Stresses that full and sustained support on both sides, on all political level and by all stakeholders, including consumers and public health organizations, as well as careful preparation and timely public consultation and information* is needed to ensure that such a negotiation for a comprehensive bilateral trade and investment agreement, if

Commission and the US Administration to present the final result of HLWG's work at the 73rd meeting of the TLD by the end of 2012;

undertaken, would deliver concrete results and would be concluded in a timely manner; ***underlines its conviction that negotiations should only be started if these conditions are met; recommends the US side to search for a high level of bi-partisan support for the project, in order to render it independent from a possible change of the US-Administration and looks forward to the final report (including a recommendation on a decision as to the negotiations) of the HLWG, whenever the HLWG deems that these conditions are fulfilled;***

Or. en

Amendment 117
Yannick Jadot

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17a. Calls on the Commission, in case that negotiations are launched, to conduct a thorough global as well as sector-specific economic, social and environmental impact assessments in all stages of the negotiations;

Or. en

Amendment 118
Daniel Caspary, Godelieve Quisthoudt-Rowohl

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18. Considers that the transatlantic dialogue, in order to be successful, needs to

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be further intensified at all levels, and that high-level meetings, not only between the Commission and US Administration but also between members of relevant committees of Parliament and the US Congress, should be held on a more regular basis; *considers that it would be a welcome development should the US Congress decide to follow the example of Parliament, which has, since January 2010, been represented in Washington through its Liaison Office;*

Or. de

Amendment 119
Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. Considers that the transatlantic dialogue, in order to be successful, needs to be further intensified at all levels, and that high-level meetings, not only between the Commission and US Administration but also between members of relevant committees of Parliament and the US Congress, should be held on a more regular basis;

Amendment

18. Considers that the transatlantic dialogue, in order to be successful, needs to be further intensified at all levels, and that high-level meetings, not only between the Commission and US Administration but also between members of relevant committees of Parliament and the US Congress, should be held on a more regular basis *and must be transmitted to the public in full transparency;*

Or. en

Amendment 120
Robert Sturdy

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

19. Calls ***on the Council not to authorise the opening of eventual negotiations with the US on such agreement until the Parliament, if it so decides, has stated its position on the proposed negotiating mandate on the basis of a report by the committee responsible;***

Amendment

19. ***Following careful and thorough preparation and consultation, the European Parliament calls for negotiations to be launched in the first half of 2013, to build on present political momentum and support from industry to enable a swift and successful conclusion to negotiations;***

Or. en

Amendment 121

Daniel Caspary, Godelieve Quisthoudt-Rowohl

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

19. Calls on the Council not to authorise the opening of eventual negotiations with the US on such agreement until the Parliament, if it so decides, has stated its position on the proposed negotiating mandate on the basis of a report by the committee responsible;

Amendment

19. Calls on the Council not to authorise the opening of eventual negotiations with the US on such agreement until the Parliament, if it so decides, has stated its position on the proposed negotiating mandate on the basis of a report by the committee responsible; ***undertakes for its part that in stating its position it will not unnecessarily delay the commencement of negotiations;***

Or. de

Amendment 122

Robert Sturdy

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 19 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

19a. Requests that once these negotiations

have been opened that all stakeholders representing the business communities should organise themselves in such a way as to provide maximum support in a coordinated, broad based manner to underpin an open a transparent dialogue to make progress on the initiative, is convinced that dialogues with consumers as well as SMEs will be of particular relevance and should be opened and coordinated without delay to build momentum across all levels behind the negotiations;

Or. en

Amendment 123

Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. Is committed to working closely with the Council, the Commission, the US Congress, the US Administration and *the stakeholders* to achieve the full economic potential of the transatlantic economic relationship in order to create new opportunities for businesses and workers on both sides of the Atlantic *and strengthen EU and US leadership in the global economy;*

Amendment

20. Is committed to working closely with the Council, the Commission, the US Congress, the US Administration and *all stakeholders including the variety of economic sectors, trade unions, civil society organisations and academics*, to achieve the full economic potential of the transatlantic economic relationship in order to create new opportunities for businesses and workers on both sides of the Atlantic;

Or. en