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Highlights

Commission unveils new Trade Strategy

INTA calls for progress in the WTO negotiations

MEPs move to curb trade in tools of torture

Next Meetings

Thursday, 15 October 2015 (09.00-12.30)

Room: József Antall (JAN) 4Q2

Draft agenda & documents

Thursday, 22 October 2015 2015 (09.00-12.30)

Room: Altiero Spinelli (ASP) 1G-3

Draft agenda & documents

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Recent events

Fact-finding mission to Ukraine



Speaking after a fact-finding mission held on 24-25 September, the chairmen of the EP's International Trade and Legal Affairs Committees expressed satisfaction with the progress on structural reforms in Ukraine. "The Parliament looks forward to the application of the "Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Area" (DCFTA) as of 1 January 2016 for the benefit of Ukrainian and EU citizens which must entail full respect for human rights and core ILO conventions", said Mr Lange. MEPs scrutinised Ukraine's preparation to implement the DCFTA with the EU and the use of the latest macro financial assistance of EUR 1.8 billion provided by the EU. The delegations met with the President Poroshenko, several committees of the Ukrainian Parliament, Head of the Anti-Corruption Bureau, the President of the Supreme Court and representatives of the civil society.

[Press release](#)

Trade MEPs attend the WTO Public Forum



How can countries reap the benefits of trade and move up global value chains? These were among key questions debated by a delegation of seven INTA Members attending the 2015 WTO Public Forum entitled "Trade Works!", held from 30 September to 2 October 2015 at the headquarters of the World Trade Organization (WTO) in Geneva. The inclusiveness of trade was discussed in over 90 working sessions by representatives of parliaments, governments, NGOs, trade unions, businesses, academia and general public. The EP and the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) co-hosted a session dedicated to the importance of a swift ratification of the Trade Facilitation Agreement. Members met with the newly appointed EU ambassador to the WTO Marc Vanheukelen and held a working session of the Steering Committee of the Parliamentary Conference on the WTO (PCWTO) that brings a parliamentary dimension to the WTO, where they were briefed on the preparations for the Nairobi Ministerial Conference (MC10) by the WTO Deputy Director-General Yi Xiaozhun.

[WTO Public Forum](#)

[PCWTO statement](#)

MEPs move to curb trade in tools of torture

On 22 September INTA adopted a legislative report on the revamped "Anti-Torture Regulation" that would step-up the EU-wide controls on trade in goods and substances that could be misused for capital punishment and torture. The report that will be debated and voted in the 26-29 October plenary sitting seeks to enhance the oversight of transit and introduce the possibility of additional authorisation requirements for non-listed items under a so-called "catch-all" clause. To become a law, the amended regulation needs to be agreed upon by co-legislators in "trilogue" negotiations.

[Press release - ECA report](#)

Chair's activities:

- ✓ 30/9: Meeting the Director of UNCTAD on Investment
- ✓ 30/9-2/10: Participation to the WTO Public Forum
- ✓ 8/10: Meeting with Mr Omarjee on the impacts of the FTA with Vietnam on the Sugar Industry on La Réunion

Quote of the month

"I welcome the conclusion of the TPP, which has the potential to contribute to strengthening rule-based global trade. The deal clears the path for changing gears in the transatlantic negotiations: now is the time to move forward with the TTIP"

INTA Chair Bernd Lange on Transpacific Partnership Agreement (TPP)

[Press release](#)

Meeting highlights (15 & 22/10/2015)

Commission unveils new Trade Strategy

Presentation of Commission Communication



Following its adoption on 14 October, Commissioner Malmström will present the long-awaited update of the EU's Trade and investment strategy to INTA members. Expectations for an increasingly robust commercial policy are high in the backdrop of challenges resulting from the shifting geopolitical landscape and aspirations to uphold European regulations and standards. INTA MEPs are keen to hear from the Commissioner how she intends to shape the future Common

Commercial Policy. INTA will respond to the Commission's Communication with an own-initiative report entitled "A new forward-looking and innovative future strategy on trade and investment".

<p>Rapporteur: Tiziana Beghin (EFDD)</p> <p>Administrator: Marc Jütten</p> <p>Procedures: 2015/2105(INI)</p> <p>Lead committee: INTA</p>	<p>TIMETABLE</p> <p>Hearing in INTA: 19 November 2015</p> <p>Exchange of views: 25 January 2016</p> <p>Consideration of working document 15/16 February 2016</p> <p>Consideration of draft report: 14/15 March 2016</p> <p>Consideration of amendments: 20/21 April 2016</p> <p>Planned vote in INTA: 23/24 May 2016</p> <p>Planned vote in Plenary: June 2016</p>
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INTA calls for progress in the WTO negotiations

Adoption of motion for resolution

Ahead of the 10th World Trade Organisation (WTO) Ministerial Conference (MC10), taking place in Nairobi in December, INTA will reaffirm support to the rules-based multilateral trading system. The resolution drawn up by the co-chairs of the Parliament's WTO Steering group will be adopted in the November plenary sitting.

Draft resolution

Rapporteur: Bernd Lange (S&D) & Pablo Zalba Bidegain (EPP) Administrator: Helena Halldorf Romero Procedure: 2015/2632(RSP) Lead committee: INTA	TIMETABLE Planned vote in INTA: 15 October 2015 Planned vote in Plenary: November 2015
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INTA sets priorities for TiSA

Consideration of draft report



Negotiations on Trade in Services Agreement (TiSA) join together 24 like-minded partners, aiming to facilitate trade in services. INTA will debate draft recommendations on the scope, market access, digital rules, mobility, financial services, domestic regulation and transparency provisions. The draft report calls for further reciprocity and multilateralization of plurilateral talks on services.

Rapporteur: Viviane Reding (EPP) Administrator: Rémi Pierot Procedure: 2015/2233(INI) Lead committee: INTA	TIMETABLE Consideration of draft report: 15 October 2015 Planned vote in INTA: 10 December 2015 Planned vote in Plenary: January/February 2016
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Dialogue with the European Investment Bank

Exchange of views



INTA continues dialogue with high-level guests on the future of trade and investment. After in-depth discussions with former WTO Director-General Pascal Lamy and Deputy Secretary-General of the OECD Mari Kiviniemi, Trade MEPs will hold an exchange of views with Mr Werner Hoyer, President of the European Investment Bank (EIB). As the world's largest multilateral lender and borrower, the EIB plays an important role in the EU's external economic relations mainly by supporting foreign direct investment and helping small and medium-sized enterprises (SME) to access markets outside the EU. Moreover, Members are looking forward to hear from President Hoyer how the EIB is contributing to the EU's external economic policy objectives. In its meeting of 22 October, INTA will consider a draft opinion on the EIB's Annual Report.

Enhancing transparency and accountability of the EU

Exchange of views and consideration of draft opinion



INTA commences its work on an opinion that will feed into a Report on Transparency, accountability and integrity in the EU institutions, drafted by the Committee on Constitutional Affairs. The Report intends to address transparency, conflicts of interests and relations with stakeholders and lobbyists, with the aim of developing a coherent institutional approach which is to complement Commission's renovated focus on the matter.

[Background](#)

Fighting illicit trade and counterfeiting

Consideration of draft opinion

The fight against fraud is ever-more important in times of financial constraints and economic slowdown. The draft opinion on the Annual report of the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF) focuses on illicit trade, intellectual property rights, customs fraud and efficient management of the macro financial assistance programmes.

<p>Rapporteur: Sander Loones (ECR) Administrator: Gabriel Alvarez Recarte Procedures: 2015/2128(INI) Lead committee: INTA</p>	<p>TIMETABLE Consideration of draft opinion: 22 October 2015 Planned vote in INTA: 1 December 2015</p>
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Monitoring Group Activities



On 22 October, the Committee is expected to receive feedback from the latest meetings of INTA Monitoring Groups, namely the USA, Japan, Australia and New Zealand, Singapore and Environmental Goods Agreement.

[INTA Monitoring Groups](#)

Adopted in previous INTA meetings:*21-22/09/2015*

- [Trade in certain goods which could be used for capital punishment, torture or other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment](#)

Rapporteur: Marietje Schaake (ALDE)

Vote on draft report

in favour	against	abstentions
34	0	4

- [Accession of Ecuador to the Trade Agreement concluded between the EU and its Member States and Colombia and Peru](#)

Rapporteur: Helmut Scholz (GUE/NGL)

Vote on the motion for a resolution:

in favour	against	abstentions
31	3	5

- [Oral Question on Human Rights in EU-Vietnam negotiations](#)

Vote on question for oral answer:

in favour	against	abstentions
20	6	13

- [The role of the EU within the UN - how to better achieve EU foreign policy goals](#)

Rapporteur: Ska Keller (Verts/ALE)

Vote on draft opinion:

in favour	against	abstentions
29	8	2

- [Towards a European Energy Union](#)

Rapporteur: Klaus Buchner (Verts/ALE)

Vote on draft opinion:

in favour	against	abstentions
31	7	1

Selected trade news

12 countries seal TPP deal

Twelve Pacific Rim countries covering 40 per cent of the global economy have struck the largest trade deal since the creation of the World Trade Organisation in 1994. The Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) trade pact will now have to be signed by the leaders and ratified by the legislatures of the twelve countries.

[Overview and Ministers' Statement](#)

EU ratifies the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement

On 5 October the EU has concluded ratification of the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA), which was endorsed by the European Parliament on 9 September. The TFA seeks to simplify and modernise customs procedures in order to boost global trade. The EU has pledged to contribute up to €400 million over five years to assist developing countries to implement the agreement

[EC press release](#)

WTO warns of slowing trade growth

The WTO lowered its forecast for this year's world trade growth to 2.8% and the estimate for 2016 to 3.9%, as slowing import demand in China and other emerging economies reduces global exports.

[WTO press release](#)

[International trade statistics](#)

RECENT WTO DISPUTE SETTLEMENT DEVELOPMENTS

Latest DSU developments as of 15 September 2015

- In DS397 - Art. 21.5 EU-Fasteners from China, on 9 September 2015 the EU filed an appeal against certain aspects of the compliance panel report.
- In DS438 Argentina – Measures Affecting the Importation of Goods, on 2 July 2015 Argentina and the EU agreed on a reasonable period of time for Argentina to implement the rulings expiring on 31 December 2015.
- In DS492 (European Union – Measures Affecting Tariff Concessions on Certain Poultry Meat Products), the panel was established on 20 July 2015.
- In DS 442 (European Union - AD measures on imports of certain fatty alcohols from Indonesia), the panel was established on 31 August 2015.
- In DS494 (European Union – Cost Adjustment Methodologies and Certain Anti-Dumping Measures on Imports from Russia – (Second complaint)), consultations were held on 26 June 2015.

China to contribute to EU's Investment Plan

At the 5th High Level Economic and Trade Dialogue in Beijing on 28 September, China announced its intention to contribute to the Investment Plan, as well as closer cooperation with the EU on investment issues in general. Vice-Premier Ma Kai informed Commission Vice-President Jyrki Katainen that China will contribute to the Commission's €315 billion Investment Plan for Europe. China is the first non-EU country to announce such contribution.

The two sides agreed to set up a joint working group to increase cooperation between the EU and China on all aspects of investment. The working group will include experts from China's Silk Road Fund, the Commission, and the European Investment Bank (EIB).

The Commission and the Chinese government also signed a Memorandum of Understanding on the EU-China Connectivity Platform to enhance synergies between China's "One Belt One Road" initiative and the EU's connectivity initiatives such as the Trans-European Transport Network policy. The Platform will promote cooperation in areas such as infrastructure, equipment, technologies and standards. This will create multiple business opportunities and promote employment, growth and development for both sides.

http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-15-5723_en.htm

EU-China investment talks

EU Trade Commissioner Cecilia Malmström and Chinese Minister of Commerce Gao Hucheng met on 7 October in Brussels to take stock of progress made so far in the ongoing negotiations for a bilateral investment deal.

"Following my meeting with Minister Gao, we are getting clarity as regards the scope of our future deal", Commissioner Malmström said. "However, more efforts are still needed to address all obstacles to investment between the EU and China, and to ensure a fair, open and transparent regulatory environment for investors on both sides."

The annual EU-China Joint Committee on Trade chaired by Commissioner Malmström and Minister Gao also provided an opportunity to discuss some of the existing market access barriers and questions related to protection of intellectual property rights – their enforcement, and ways to enhance EU-China cooperation in this area.

<http://trade.ec.europa.eu/doclib/press/index.cfm?id=1376>

Publications

UNCTAD's Trade and Development Report 2015 puts forward recommendations on making the international financial architecture work for development.

[Trade and Development Report](#)

Latest publications from DG EXPO Policy Department

- [Trade in commodities, obstacles to trade and illegal trade](#)
- [Study comparing investment protection provisions in agreements such as CETA, Singapore, Energy Charter, selected BITs by Member States](#)

Upcoming publications from DG EXPO Policy Department

- Trade and investment in energy in the context of EU Common commercial policy
- Note on sensitive issues in the TISA negotiations
- Dual use export controls (follow up to the workshop held in June)

See [more](#)

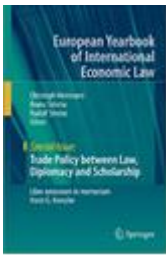
Recent publications by the EP Research Service

[Investment rules in trade agreements: Developments and issues in light of the TTIP debate](#)

Laura Puccio, EPRS In-depth Analysis, September 2015, 36 p.

On both sides of the Atlantic, criticism has been growing regarding the interpretation of certain investment protection rules found in either free trade agreements or in bilateral investment treaties, and of their potential constraints on the regulatory capacity of the states party to them. The US and the EU alike are revising these rules to ensure states maintain the freedom to regulate for legitimate public purposes. Often, the US and EU approach to reform investment chapters is similar and could be complementary.

New print and online books in the EP Research Service library collection



[Trade Policy between Law, Diplomacy and Scholarship: Liber amicorum in memoriam Horst G. Krenzler](#) [e-book]

Springer, 2015, 418 p.

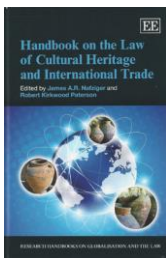
"This book is dedicated to the memory of Horst Günter Krenzler, former Director General for External Relations for the European Commission and Chief Negotiator for the European Union in many trade negotiations. It presents 22 topical contributions on international trade law and policy, with a particular focus on EU external trade law: Developments in International Trade Policy – Transatlantic Trade Relations – EU External Relations – Trade Defence Instruments."



[The Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership \(TTIP\): Implications for Labor](#) [full-text available]

(ed.)Christoph Scherrer, Rainer Hampp, 2014, 209 p.

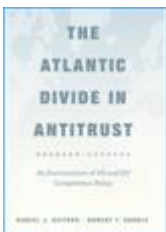
"While tariffs on goods have been imposed with an eye to foreign competition, most of the non-tariff barriers are the laws and regulations that are the result of social struggles for the protection of consumers and workers. It is therefore certain that TTIP will impact workers. This volume provides a preliminary assessment of the likely consequences for labor by: - providing an overall introduction to the TTIP negotiations; -assessing the reliability of the studies claiming employment gains; - highlighting specific problematic proposals such as the investor-to-state dispute settlement mechanism; - presenting the position of organized labor from both sides of the Atlantic."



[Handbook on the law of cultural heritage and international trade](#) [e-book]

J. Nafziger, R. Paterson, Edward Elgar Publishing, 2014, 662 p.

"Following a comprehensive introduction to cultural heritage law, the book turns to the core topic of international trade. The GATT and a 1970 UNESCO convention on illegal trafficking in cultural material formed the foundation for progressive development of an impressive and still-evolving legal framework. Building on these, the essays focus on import and export controls within specific national legal regimes."



[The Atlantic divide in antitrust : An examination of US and EU competition policy](#)

Daniel J. Gifford, University of Chicago Press, 2015, 304 p.

"The authors explore many of the main contested areas of contemporary antitrust, including mergers, price discrimination, predatory pricing, and intellectual property. After identifying how prevailing analyses differ across these areas, they examine the policy ramifications. The authors conclude with forecasts and suggestions for how greater compatibility might ultimately be attained."

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Coming soon

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<p>INTA meeting dates</p> <p>12 November 2015 (extraordinary meeting)</p> <p>19 November 2015</p>	

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<p>Commission Work Program</p> <p>Key documents</p> <p>Trade negotiations</p> <p>TiSA - Trade in Services Agreement 05-09/10, Geneva, Switzerland 30/11-04/12, Geneva, Switzerland</p> <p>EU-Japan FTA negotiations: 13th round 26-30/10, Brussels, Belgium</p> <p>TTIP negotiation: 11th & 12th round 19-23/10, United States 7-11/12, Brussels, Belgium, to be confirmed</p> <p>EU-Tunisia DCFTA Negotiations: Launch & 1st round 13/10, Tunis, Tunisia 19-23/10, Tunis, Tunisia</p> <p>More information</p> <p>EU Trade Council meetings 26 October 2015 16 November 2015</p>	<p>WTO Events calendar 2015</p> <table> <tr> <td>15 - 16 October</td> <td>Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures</td> </tr> <tr> <td>15 - 16 October</td> <td>Council for Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights</td> </tr> <tr> <td>19 + 21 October</td> <td>Trade Policy Review Body - Republic of Moldova</td> </tr> <tr> <td>20 October</td> <td>Committee on Import Licensing</td> </tr> <tr> <td>28 October</td> <td>Dispute Settlement Body</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4 - 5 November</td> <td>Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4 + 6 November</td> <td>Trade Policy Review Body - Southern African Customs Union (SACU)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>17 + 19 November</td> <td>Trade Policy Review Body - Jordan WT/TPR/338</td> </tr> </table> <p>WTO</p>	15 - 16 October	Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures	15 - 16 October	Council for Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights	19 + 21 October	Trade Policy Review Body - Republic of Moldova	20 October	Committee on Import Licensing	28 October	Dispute Settlement Body	4 - 5 November	Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade	4 + 6 November	Trade Policy Review Body - Southern African Customs Union (SACU)	17 + 19 November	Trade Policy Review Body - Jordan WT/TPR/338
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