Subject: Date of suspension of CETA agreement following its rejection by Cyprus' Parliament

The EU-Canada trade agreement (CETA) has provisionally been in force for almost three years pending ratification by the Member States.

Cyprus’ Parliament refused to ratify CETA on Friday, 31 July 2020, and a further 12 countries have yet to ratify it.

Statement from the Council No 20, adopted in parallel with the Council’s decision to sign CETA, states that if a Member State rejects CETA and the Member State concerned notifies the Council, ‘provisional application must be and will be terminated’.

It therefore appears difficult, as well as democratically problematic, for CETA to continue to be applied provisionally.

1. Hence, can the Commission say on what date the provisional application of CETA will be suspended?

2. Moreover, is it not time to reexamine the EU’s commercial policy?