



Odbor za međunarodnu trgovinu

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MIŠLJENJE

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o nacrtu odluke Vijeća o sklapanju, u ime Unije, Sporazuma o stabilizaciji i pridruživanju između Europske unije i Europske zajednice za atomsku energiju, s jedne strane, i Kosova*, s druge strane (10725/2/2015 – C8-0328/2015 – 2015/0094(NLE))

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SHORT JUSTIFICATION

The proposed Stabilisation and Association agreement ("SAA") with Kosovo is the last SAA to be concluded with Western Balkan countries. The Commission has noted in the Explanatory Memorandum that "*The deepening of economic and trade relations is one of the main goals of the agreement.*" The proposed SAA is an EU-only agreement.

Kosovo has enjoyed a preferential trade regime with the EU since 2000, with duty-free quota-free access to the EU market, with the exception of some agricultural and fishery products. Currently these measures are established under Council Regulation (EC) No 1215/2009¹ which is due to expire on 31/12/2015 but for which a proposal that it be extended until 31/12/2020 is pending. The proposed SAA lays down essentially the same regime - providing unrestricted access for industrialised products and the majority of agricultural products (with the exception of live bovine animals and their meat, sugar products, some wine products, "baby beef" products and some fishery products).

With regard to the EU's exports your rapporteur considers the transitional periods for Kosovo with regard to gradual tariff reductions for industrial, agricultural, processed agricultural and fishery products and wine and spirit drinks to be indispensable for the smooth establishment of the free trade area over the planned period of 10 years, given that the EU's trade surplus with Kosovo is considerable and has slightly increased in the past years.

Your rapporteur welcomes provisions on the establishment and supply of services (Title V), as well as the proposed cooperation policies between the EU and Kosovo in a broad range of areas (Title VII), many of which will contribute to strengthening the establishment of the free trade area, such as economic and trade policy or investment promotion and protection.

Odbor za međunarodnu trgovinu poziva Odbor za vanjske poslove da kao nadležni odbor Parlamentu preporuči davanje suglasnosti za nacrt odluke Vijeća o sklapanju, u ime Europske unije, Sporazuma o pridruživanju između Europske unije i Europske zajednice za atomsku energiju, s jedne strane, i Kosova*, s druge strane.

¹ Council Regulation (EC) No 1215/2009 introducing exceptional trade measures for countries and territories participating in or linked to the European Union's Stabilisation and Association process (*OJ L 328, 15.12.2009, p. 1*).

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