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OPINION

of the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy

for the Committee on International Trade

on the draft Council decision on the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Union and the Government of the Russian Federation on trade in parts and components of motor vehicles between the European Union and the Russian Federation

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SHORT JUSTIFICATION

The investors who establish car production facilities in the Russian Federation benefit of reduced import customs duties for car parts and components in return for an obligation to meet local content and other localisation requirements.

In order to reduce the risk that those investments may lead to delocalisation from the EU, the European Commission has negotiated an agreement with the Russian Federation, object of this proposal.

The draft agreement will ensure that exports from the European Union to the Russian Federation of parts and components of motor vehicles from the EU do not decrease. More specifically, the draft agreement foresees that if EU exports of those parts and components (list in Annexe 1 of the draft agreement) fall, the Russian Federation must allow the import of parts and components of EU origin at reduced import customs duties in quantities equal to the decrease of EU exports.

The compensation mechanism will be triggered when the value of EU exports of covered products during a trigger year falls by more than 3% below one or both of the relevant thresholds set out in Annex 3.

On 1st March of each year, the Parties shall review the statistics of EU exports of covered products during the previous calendar year.

In accordance with Article 10 of the proposed agreement, the Russian Federation shall submit monthly trade statistics to the EU, starting with the statistics corresponding to trade in the month of January 2012.

The present agreement shall enter into force 30 days after the date the Parties exchange written notification certifying that they have completed their respective internal procedures or on such other date as the Parties may agree, but not earlier than the date of the Russian Federation's accession to the World Trade Organisation.

It shall remain in force until 1 July 2018, or until the date Russia has eliminated all WTO-incompatible elements of its investment regime in the automotive sector, whichever is the later.

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The Committee on Industry, Research and Energy calls on the Committee on International Trade, as the committee responsible, to propose that Parliament give its consent.

RESULT OF FINAL VOTE IN COMMITTEE

Date adopted	24.4.2012
Result of final vote	+: 53 -: 0 0: 1
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