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OPINION

of the Committee on Transport and Tourism

for the Committee on International Trade

on recommendations to the European Commission on the negotiations for the
Trade in Services Agreement (TiSA)
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SUGGESTIONS

The Committee on Transport and Tourism calls on the Committee on International Trade, as the committee responsible, to incorporate the following suggestions into its motion for a resolution:

1. Makes, in the context of the ongoing negotiations on the Trade in Services Agreement, the following recommendations to the Commission:
 - (i) to keep in mind the importance of transport, tourism and delivery services for the European economy and employment given that European ship owners control 40 % of the world's merchant fleet, that the aviation industry supports over 5 million jobs and that the European rail industry accounts for over half of the worldwide production of rail equipment and services and that road transport remains important for EU logistics; to recognise the potential of transport services to reduce the level of unemployment in Europe; to recognise the impact of liberalising trade in services on the tourism industry;
 - (ii) to ensure that negotiations are mindful of the rapidly evolving nature of the transport sector and the growing importance of collaborative economy transport modes in Europeans' everyday lives;
 - (iii) to stress that EU and Member State legislation provides benefits for workers, including safety and security; to underline that all those who provide services within the EU, whether foreign or domestic, have to comply with this legislation; to acknowledge that the quality of services is intrinsically linked to the quality of employment and the regulatory frameworks in place; to take into account the social and environmental sustainability of the agreement; to avoid unfair labour market distortions while guaranteeing respect for existing social rights;
 - (iv) to take into account the importance of services of general interest in the transport sector and public service obligations, as well as the contribution this sector makes to social and territorial cohesion;
 - (v) to strengthen the provisions on passenger rights in relation to all means of transport so that the Agreement also benefits consumers;
 - (vi) to seek, as a long-term goal, better transport service quality and safety standards, while reducing transport times, thereby encouraging performance and innovation in this area;
 - (vii) to ensure that the negotiations address the transport and tourism sectors in a meaningful way and in a spirit of reciprocity; to preserve the policy space in order to respond to developments in the transport, postal and courier sectors; to respect the principle of non-discrimination; to exclude public transport services from the agreement;
 - (viii) to bear in mind negative liberalisation experiences such as detrimental effects on

the quality of services, working conditions and transport safety and security;

- (ix) to promote negotiations on regulation that address issues such as transparency, deadlines, due process, unnecessary burdens, non-discrimination and redress, while continuing to require that foreign companies wishing to offer transport or delivery services within the EU comply with existing EU regulatory standards; to call on third countries to publicise, through specific information documents, their own laws on this matter in order to foster simpler, more effective dialogue;
- (x) to exclude from the application of TiSA all services relating to public transport and postal services, where the latter are public;
- (xi) to address restrictions imposed by certain countries regarding foreign ownership and control of airlines as well as cabotage rights; to pursue, as a long-term objective, binding international trade rules for the aviation sector while recognising the International Civil Aviation Organisation's responsibility for economic and safety regulation; to explore, in the event that important trade partners are reluctant to make substantial progress, other options for ensuring that European carriers face fair competitive conditions;
- (xii) to recall the crucial role maritime transport plays in the world economy, both as an industry in itself and as a facilitator for international trade; to promote a clear text with strong commitments on ensuring access to ports, as well as market access and national treatment for international maritime transport services;
- (xiii) to seize this opportunity to embed current legislation and practices for maritime transport in a legally binding international text that will prevent future protectionist rules being introduced by the parties while ensuring consistency with relevant international standards, such as those established by the International Maritime Organisation and the International Labour Organisation;
- (xiv) to address and remove current restrictions on maritime transport services and to strive for reciprocity as EU companies are very often hindered in accessing certain market segments abroad, which in the EU, in contrast, are open to foreign companies, for instance in the short sea shipping and cabotage sector;
- (xv) to preserve the Member States' rights regarding existing or future national regulations and bilateral or multilateral road transport agreements including transit permit requirements;
- (xvi) to oppose any market access commitments with regard to road transport, in particular with respect to Mode 4, as they could lead to the movement of workers across borders without any employment protection and to the undercutting of superior labour legislation in host countries;
- (xvii) to ensure that increased access to third-country markets for delivery services does not jeopardise existing universal service obligations in the postal sector; to recognise the vital role universal postal services play in promoting social, economic and territorial cohesion; to strengthen these universal services;

2. Regrets the lack of transparency which has hitherto been evident and the fact that Parliament did not have the opportunity to express its own position before the Council adopted its negotiating mandate;
3. Calls for all Members of the European Parliament to receive all documentation concerning the TiSA negotiations and calls for all negotiating texts to be made public.

RESULT OF FINAL VOTE IN COMMITTEE ASKED FOR OPINION

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Result of final vote	+: 27 -: 14 0: 1
Members present for the final vote	Daniela Aiuto, Lucy Anderson, Marie-Christine Arnautu, Georges Bach, Izaskun Bilbao Barandica, Deirdre Clune, Michael Cramer, Luis de Grandes Pascual, Isabella De Monte, Jacqueline Foster, Bruno Gollnisch, Stelios Kouloglou, Merja Kyllönen, Miltiadis Kyrkos, Peter Lundgren, Georg Mayer, Cláudia Monteiro de Aguiar, Markus Pieper, Tomasz Piotr Poręba, Gabriele Preuß, Christine Revault D'Allonnes Bonnefoy, Dominique Riquet, Claudia Schmidt, Keith Taylor, Pavel Telička, Peter van Dalen, Wim van de Camp, Janusz Zemke, Roberts Zīle, Elżbieta Katarzyna Łukacijewska
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