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# **DRAFT AMENDMENTS**

## **1 - 41**

**Draft motion for a resolution**

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**Amendment 1**  
**Josef Weidenholzer**

**Draft motion for a resolution**  
**Recital B**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

B. whereas the EU and the US markets are deeply integrated, on average close to 2 billion EUR of goods and services being traded bilaterally each day supporting millions of jobs in both economies, and whereas EU and US investments are *the real* driver of the transatlantic relationship, bilateral investments totalling more than 2.394 trillion EUR in 2011;

*Amendment*

B. whereas the EU and the US markets are deeply integrated, on average close to 2 billion EUR of goods and services being traded bilaterally each day supporting millions of jobs in both economies, and whereas EU and US investments are *an important* driver of the transatlantic relationship, bilateral investments totalling more than 2.394 trillion EUR in 2011;

Or. en

**Amendment 2**  
**Morten Løkkegaard**

**Draft motion for a resolution**  
**Recital C a (new)**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

*C a. Underlines that even though tariffs are comparatively low, standing at 5-7 % on average, they still prevent trade and import competition because of the important trading volume between the EU and the U.S;*

*Amendment*

Or. en

**Amendment 3**  
**Morten Løkkegaard**

**Draft motion for a resolution**  
**Recital D**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

D. whereas the EU and US share common values, comparable legal systems and high standards of labour and environmental protection;

*Amendment*

D. whereas the EU and US share common values, ***notably within the area of free trade***, comparable legal systems and high standards of labour and environmental protection;

Or. en

**Amendment 4**  
**Christel Schaldemose**

**Draft motion for a resolution**  
**Recital D**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

D. whereas the EU and US share common values, comparable legal systems and high standards of labour and environmental protection;

*Amendment*

D. whereas the EU and US share common values, comparable legal systems and high standards of labour, ***consumer*** and environmental protection;

Or. en

**Amendment 5**  
**Josef Weidenholzer**

**Draft motion for a resolution**  
**Recital D**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

D. whereas the EU and US share common values, comparable legal systems and high standards of labour and environmental protection;

*Amendment*

D. whereas the EU and US share common values, comparable legal systems and high standards of labour and environmental protection; ***at the same time there exist differences regarding regulatory standards and norms in different fields, especially in data protection, consumer protection and the protection of intellectual property rights;***

**Amendment 6**  
**Rafał Trzaskowski**

**Draft motion for a resolution**  
**Recital D a (new)**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***D. whereas there still remain four European Union Member States which are not admitted to the visa waiver programme, and whereas as a result the citizens of these Member States may not be able to enjoy equal opportunities and benefits from the agreement once it is reached;***

**Amendment 7**  
**Josef Weidenholzer**

**Draft motion for a resolution**  
**Recital E**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

E. whereas the global economy remains vulnerable, and both the EU and the US must exploit the **full** potential of closer economic cooperation to leverage the benefits of international trade in overcoming the economic crisis;

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**Amendment 8**  
**Morten Løkkegaard**

**Draft motion for a resolution**  
**Recital H**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

H. whereas strengthening the multilateral system remains a crucial objective, it does not preclude bilateral agreements going beyond WTO commitments and being complementary to multilateral rules;

*Amendment*

H. whereas strengthening the multilateral system remains a crucial objective, it does not preclude bilateral agreements going beyond WTO commitments and being complementary to multilateral rules, *since both regional agreements and FTA's lead to increasing harmonization of standards and broader liberalization favourable to the multilateral trading system;*

Or. en

**Amendment 9**  
**Josef Weidenholzer**

**Draft motion for a resolution**  
**Recital I a (new)**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*I a. whereas the EU and the member states can claim legitimate macroeconomic interests and objections regarding the public procurement and provision of goods and services of general economic interest;*

Or. en

**Amendment 10**  
**Josef Weidenholzer**

**Draft motion for a resolution**  
**Recital I b (new)**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*I b. whereas an agreement in the service sector comprises a special political, regulatory and judicial complexity, the threat of a race to the bottom due to*

*lower minimal standards of protection for consumers, workers and the environment has to be prevented;*

Or. en

**Amendment 11**  
**Josef Weidenholzer**

**Draft motion for a resolution**  
**Recital I c (new)**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*I c. whereas the Parliament, on 04 July 2012, made clear with its rejection of ACTA<sup>1</sup> that it disapproves both the constraint of the freedom of the internet due to the protection of intellectual property rights and the censorship by internet service providers;*

Or. en

**Amendment 12**  
**Josef Weidenholzer**

**Draft motion for a resolution**  
**Recital I d (new)**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*I d. whereas transparency during the negotiations of a trade agreement not only has political relevance in terms of democracy, but it constitutes the condition for acceptance and consent in the general public;*

Or. en

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<sup>1</sup> *Texts Adopted, P7\_TA-POV(2012)0287*

**Amendment 13**  
**Josef Weidenholzer**

**Draft motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 2**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

2. Considers that it is crucial for the EU and the US to deepen their economic and trade relationship and to realise the untapped potential of a truly transatlantic market place, in order to maximise the jobs and growth potential; considers this to be particularly timely in the light of the ongoing economic crisis, **high level of public debt**, high unemployment rates and poor growth projections on both sides of the Atlantic;

*Amendment*

2. Considers that it is crucial for the EU and the US to deepen their economic and trade relationship and to realise the untapped potential of a truly transatlantic market place, in order to maximise the jobs and growth potential; considers this to be particularly timely in the light of the ongoing economic crisis, high unemployment rates and poor growth projections on both sides of the Atlantic;

Or. en

**Amendment 14**  
**Josef Weidenholzer**

**Draft motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 5**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

5. Welcomes the emphasis in the Final Report on: (i) ambitiously improving reciprocal market access for goods, **services, investment and public procurement at all levels of government**; (ii) reducing non-tariff barriers (NTBs) and enhancing the compatibility of regulatory regimes; and (iii) developing common rules to address shared global trade challenges and opportunities;

*Amendment*

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Or. en

**Amendment 15**  
**Morten Løkkegaard**

**Draft motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 5**



*Draft motion for a resolution*

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Or. en

**Amendment 16**  
**Josef Weidenholzer**

**Draft motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 5 a (new)**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

**Amendment 17**  
**Josef Weidenholzer**

**Draft motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 5 b (new)**

*Amendment*

***5a. Warns that an adjustment of the market for services entails disproportionately high adjustment costs regarding various different regulatory and political aspects (e.g. consumer protection, industrial safety, environmental and social standards, applicable system of social security, competent jurisdiction) ; demands that the service sector is not a subject of the agreement;***

Or. en

*Draft motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***5b. Underlines that public procurement at all levels of government serves the general economic interest; demands that public procurement is not a subject of the agreement;***

Or. en

**Amendment 18**  
**Morten Løkkegaard**

**Draft motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 6**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

6. Supports the view that, given already-existent low average tariffs, the key to unlocking the potential of the transatlantic relationship lies in the tackling of NTBs, consisting mainly of customs procedures and behind-the-border regulatory restrictions; supports the objective proposed by the HLWG to move progressively towards an even more integrated transatlantic marketplace;

*Amendment*

6. Supports the view that, given already-existent low average tariffs, the key to unlocking the potential of the transatlantic relationship lies in the tackling of NTBs, consisting mainly of customs procedures, ***technical standards***, and behind-the-border regulatory restrictions; supports the objective proposed by the HLWG to move progressively towards an even more integrated transatlantic marketplace;

Or. en

**Amendment 19**  
**Josef Weidenholzer**

**Draft motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 8**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

8. Reiterates its support for a comprehensive trade and investment agreement with the US, that would support the creation of high-quality jobs for

*Amendment*

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European workers, would benefit the EU consumers, and would open new opportunities for EU companies to sell their goods *and services* in the US;

European workers, would benefit the EU consumers, and would open new opportunities for EU companies to sell their goods in the US;

Or. en

**Amendment 20**  
**Josef Weidenholzer**

**Draft motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 10**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

10. Underlines that such an agreement must be ambitious and binding on all levels of government, on all regulators and other competent authorities of both sides; stresses that the agreement must lead to genuine market openness and trade facilitation on the ground, and should pay particular attention to ways of achieving greater transatlantic regulatory convergence; considers that the agreement *should* not risk prejudicing the Union's cultural and linguistic diversity;

*Amendment*

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Or. en

**Amendment 21**  
**Marielle Gallo**

**Draft motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 10**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

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greater transatlantic regulatory convergence; ***considers that the agreement should not risk prejudicing the Union's cultural and linguistic diversity;***

greater transatlantic regulatory convergence; ***notes, in order to preserve and promote cultural and linguistic diversity, that this agreement should be without prejudice to the possible exclusion of a limited number of services sectors from the liberalisation commitments. Recalls that the audio-visual sector has always been excluded from European trade agreements and calls for an exclusion of this sector from TTIP commitments on trade in services and investment;***

Or. en

**Amendment 22**  
**Christel Schaldemose**

**Draft motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 10 a (new)**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***10 a. Underlines that an agreement must engage all regulators on both sides in terms of administrative cooperation, inter alia in regarding consumer protection and market surveillance, in order to exchange best practices;***

Or. en

**Amendment 23**  
**Josef Weidenholzer**

**Draft motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 11**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***11. Stresses that the agreement must include strong protection of intellectual property rights (IPR), including***

***deleted***

*geographical indications; believes that other areas of divergence in IPR should be solved in line with international standards of protection;*

Or. en

**Amendment 24**  
**Morten Løkkegaard**

**Draft motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 11**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

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*Amendment*

Stresses that the agreement must include strong protection of intellectual property rights (IPR), including geographical indications *that fall within the already existing legal framework*; believes that other areas of divergence in IPR should be solved in line with international standards of protection;

Or. en

**Amendment 25**  
**Rafał Trzaskowski**

**Draft motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 11 a (new)**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

*11 a. Reminds that European Union has embarked upon a very ambitious reform of the personal data protection law which will have a strong impact on transatlantic data flow and numerous types of businesses relying on it; Reiterates its support for a high level of protection of personal data, which should benefit consumers on both sides of the Atlantic;*

Or. en

**Amendment 26**  
**Malcolm Harbour**

**Draft motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 11 a (new)**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***11 a. Notes that the alignment of EU and US regulatory technical standards, where possible, would pave the way for international standards;***

Or. en

**Amendment 27**  
**Sabine Verheyen**

**Draft motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 11 a (new)**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***11a. Takes the view that with regard to data protection a review of the EU-US Safe Harbour Agreement in future trade agreements might be necessary in order to adapt it to technological developments, especially with regards to aspects linked to cloud computing;***

Or. en

**Amendment 28**  
**Anna Maria Corazza Bildt, Regina Bastos, Lara Comi**

**Draft motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 11 a (new)**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***11 a. Emphasizes that convergence of***

*data protection rules is also important to facilitate EU-US trade relationships and enhance competitiveness;*

Or. en

**Amendment 29**  
**Josef Weidenholzer**

**Draft motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 11 a (new)**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*11 a. Stresses its commitment that the agreement must guarantee and protect the fundamental rights of the citizens, especially the freedom of speech, the right to informational self-determination and the protection of personal data;*

Or. en

**Amendment 30**  
**Andreas Schwab, Anna Maria Corazza Bildt, Lara Comi, Malgorzata Handzlik, Sabine Verheyen, Pablo Arias Echeverría**

**Draft motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 11 a (new)**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*11 a. Takes the view that given the increasing importance of e-commerce, data protection standards play an essential role in protecting customers both in the EU and US; both the EU and the US need to address rising cyber criminality in a concerted manner and in an international context; Interoperability and standards in the domain of e-commerce, recognised at global scale, can help to promote more rapid innovation by lowering the risks and costs of new technologies;*

**Amendment 31**  
**Malcolm Harbour**

**Draft motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 11 b (new)**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***11 b. Highlights the value of risk-based assessment and information sharing between both parties regarding market surveillance and the identification of counterfeit products;***

**Amendment 32**  
**Andreas Schwab, Lara Comi, Malgorzata Handzlik, Sabine Verheyen**

**Draft motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 11 b (new)**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***11 b. Notes the importance of full reciprocity and transparency regarding public procurement markets, and supports efforts aimed at enhancing business opportunities through access to public procurement opportunities, at all levels of government on the basis of national treatment;***

**Amendment 33**  
**Andreas Schwab, Anna Maria Corazza Bildt, Lara Comi, Malgorzata Handzlik, Pablo Arias Echeverría**

**Draft motion for a resolution**



**Paragraph 11 c (new)**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***11 c. Takes the view that such an agreement should adequately address product safety for consumers by aligning EU and US regulatory standards towards the highest common standard; points in this context to recent efforts in the US and the EU with regard to consumer product safety and most notably legislative proposals thereon;***

Or. en

**Amendment 34  
Malcolm Harbour**

**Draft motion for a resolution  
Paragraph 11 c (new)**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***11 c. Notes the efforts of the EU and US legislators in reducing regulatory burdens and streamlining and repealing legislation to generate growth, mobility and jobs; stresses that much more can be done in this regard;***

Or. en

**Amendment 35  
Andreas Schwab, Anna Maria Corazza Bildt, Lara Comi, Małgorzata Handzlik, Pablo Arias Echeverría**

**Draft motion for a resolution  
Paragraph 11 d (new)**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***11 d. Points to the importance of cooperation and exchange between the***

*EU and the US in customs processes;  
notes the potential stemming from  
granting facilities in customs processing  
to Authorized Economic Operators from  
both sides;*

Or. en

**Amendment 36**  
**Josef Weidenholzer**

**Draft motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 12**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

12. Welcomes, in particular, the HLWG's recommendation that the EU and the US address environment and labour aspects of trade and sustainable development;

*Amendment*

12. Welcomes, in particular, the HLWG's recommendation that the EU and the US address environment and labour aspects of trade and sustainable development *with a view to set and preserve high standards of social rights and environmental protection;*

Or. en

**Amendment 37**  
**Andreas Schwab, Anna Maria Corazza Bildt, Lara Comi, Małgorzata Handzlik, Pablo Arias Echeverría**

**Draft motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 14 a (new)**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

*14 a. Stresses the need to use the opportunity presented by negotiations aimed at achieving a Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership to further deepen and reduce fragmentation of the Single Market of the Union;*

Or. en

**Amendment 38**  
**Josef Weidenholzer**

**Draft motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 15**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

15. Recalls the need for continuous engagement with *the* stakeholders, including *business, environmental, consumer, labour* and other representatives, throughout the negotiation process, in order to ensure fact-based discussions and foster public support;

*Amendment*

15. Recalls the need for continuous engagement with *all* stakeholders, including *civil rights, consumers, labour, environmental, business* and other representatives, throughout the negotiation process, in order to ensure fact-based discussions and foster public support;

Or. en

**Amendment 39**  
**Josef Weidenholzer**

**Draft motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 15 a (new)**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*15 a. Calls on all parties to conduct the negotiations with the highest possible level of transparency; demands that all stakeholders and the public are informed equally about the progress of the negotiations and that all relevant documents are made available to all stakeholders and the public;*

Or. en

**Amendment 40**  
**Morten Løkkegaard**

**Draft motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 16**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

**Cautions** that quality should prevail over time, and trusts that the negotiators will not rush to a deal that does not deliver tangible and substantive benefits to our businesses, workers and citizens;

*Amendment*

**Stresses that the momentum from the prevailing global, economic crisis can be used to make swift progress in the negotiations, but at the same time cautions** that quality should prevail over time, and trusts that the negotiators will not rush to a deal that does not deliver tangible and substantive benefits to our businesses, workers and citizens;

Or. en

**Amendment 41**

**Andreas Schwab, Anna Maria Corazza Bildt, Lara Comi, Małgorzata Handzlik, Sabine Verheyen**

**Draft motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 17 a (new)**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

**17 a. Stresses the need for close involvement of the Internal Market and Consumer Protection Committee of the European Parliament, especially regarding services, public procurement, harmonisation of technical standards and regulatory cooperation, alongside other relevant committees of the EP;**

*Amendment*

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Or. en