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Amendment 1

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*– having regard to its resolution of
25 November 2010 on human rights and
social and environmental standards in
international trade agreements¹,*

¹ OJ C 99 E, 3.4.2012, p. 31.

Or. en

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Amendment 2

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– having regard to its resolution of 25 November 2010 on international trade policy in the context of climate change imperatives¹,

¹*OJ C 99 E, 3.4.2012, p. 94.*

Or. en

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Amendment 3

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Recital C a (new)

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Ca. whereas entering into an FTA with the US would have effects on the EU budget, notably through the loss of own resources in the form of customs duties, with tariff revenue currently amounting to EUR 2.6 billion per year;

Or. en

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Amendment 4

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Recital C b (new)

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Cb. whereas entering into a comprehensive trade and investment agreement with a highly developed economy with very competitive enterprises would put a number of sectors of the EU economy, and the jobs they generate, under additional pressure, increasing the already heavy impact of the current financial and economic crises on the EU;

Or. en

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Amendment 5

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Recital D a (new)

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*Da. whereas the US has not ratified ILO
Conventions No 87 of 1948 (on freedom
of association and protection of the right
to organise) and No 98 of 1949 (on the
right to organise and collective
bargaining);*

Or. en

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Amendment 6

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Recital E a (new)

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Amendment

Ea. whereas the global economic crisis originated in the US subprime credit sector and spread rapidly because of the high involvement of the European banking sector; whereas effective common regulatory approaches in the financial sector are a precondition for including trade in financial services in the TTIP;

Or. en

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Amendment 7

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Recital E b (new)

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***Eb. whereas the trade union movements
on both sides of the Atlantic need to be
fully involved in the negotiations in order
to make sure that a possible future
agreement will not work to the detriment
of working-class people and their families
in either the EU or the US;***

Or. en

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Amendment 8

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Recital G

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Amendment

G. whereas the HLWG has jointly analysed a wide range of potential options for expanding transatlantic trade and investment, reaching the conclusion in its Final Report that a comprehensive trade and investment agreement would provide the most significant level of benefit for both economies;

G. whereas the HLWG has jointly analysed a wide range of potential options for expanding transatlantic trade and investment, reaching the conclusion in its Final Report that a comprehensive trade and investment agreement would provide the most significant level of benefit for both economies; ***whereas the HLWG has failed to analyse forms of cooperation, other than a trade and investment agreement that could lead towards more jobs, better protection of the environment and improved health coverage, such as concerted public investment strategies and a correction of the EU austerity policy, which is the main driver of unemployment in the EU;***

Or. en

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Amendment 9

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Recital H

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H. whereas ***the EU is convinced that developing and*** strengthening the multilateral system ***is the crucial*** objective; ***whereas, however, that*** does not preclude bilateral agreements going beyond WTO commitments and being complementary to multilateral rules, ***since both*** regional agreements ***and free trade agreements lead to increasing harmonisation of standards and broader liberalisation favourable to the multilateral trading system;***

H. whereas ***while*** strengthening the multilateral system ***remains a priority*** objective ***of the EU, it*** does not preclude bilateral agreements that go beyond WTO commitments and are complementary to multilateral rules; ***whereas the impact of negotiations with the US on other ongoing trade negotiations, on other partners in the world and on the goal of a broader and equitable transatlantic partnership that includes Africa and Latin America, as well as the impact on already existing regional trade and cooperation agreements, must be carefully considered;***

Or. en

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Amendment 10

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Paragraph 1

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Amendment

1. Believes that the strategic importance of the EU-US economic relationship should be reaffirmed and deepened, and that the EU and the US should design common approaches to global trade, investment and trade-related issues such as standards, norms and regulations, in order to develop a broader transatlantic vision and a common set of strategic goals;

1. Does not trust the Commission to negotiate an agreement with its US counterpart that will be mutually beneficial to a majority of the people living and working in the EU and the US; calls, therefore, on the Council not to approve the draft negotiating mandate, and calls for the process leading to the drafting of the negotiating mandates, and for the negotiations themselves, to be fully transparent and open to public scrutiny;

Or. en

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Amendment 11

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Paragraph 2

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Amendment

2. Considers that it is crucial for the EU and the US to realise the untapped potential of a truly integrated transatlantic market, in order to maximise the creation of decent jobs and stimulate a smart, strong, sustainable and balanced growth potential; considers this to be particularly timely in the light of the ongoing economic crisis, the state of the financial markets and financing conditions, the high level of public debt, high unemployment rates and modest growth projections on both sides of the Atlantic, and of the benefits offered by a truly coordinated response to these shared problems;

2. Considers that it is crucial for the EU and the US to realise the untapped potential of a truly integrated transatlantic market, in order to maximise the creation of decent jobs and stimulate a smart, strong, sustainable and balanced growth potential; considers this to be particularly timely in the light of the ongoing economic crisis, the state of the financial markets and financing conditions, the high level of public debt, high unemployment rates and modest growth projections on both sides of the Atlantic, and of the benefits offered by a truly coordinated response to these shared problems; ***points out that the EU public procurement market has been reduced dramatically as a consequence of the debt crisis and the austerity measures and that this reduction will progress even more rapidly with the implementation of the fiscal compact;***

Or. en

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Amendment 12

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Paragraph 2 a (new)

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Amendment

2a. Insists that the deep economic and social crisis that both economies are faced with must not be used as a pretext to undermine social, environmental, health and labour standards but, on the contrary, that a possible future agreement should reflect the highest existing social, environmental and labour standards;

Or. en

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Amendment 13

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Paragraph 6 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6a. Takes the view that any trade negotiation should guarantee full respect for EU fundamental rights standard by including, as a common part of EU trade agreements with third countries, a human rights clause; considers that the agreement should follow the example of Article XIV of GATS as regards an exception based on the protection of personal data;

Or. en

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Amendment 14

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Paragraph 9

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Amendment

9. Calls on the Council *to follow up on the recommendations contained in the HLWG Final Report and* to authorise the Commission to start negotiations for a Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) agreement with the US;

9. Calls on the Council *not* to authorise the Commission to start negotiations for a Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) agreement with the US *as long as a decent impact assessment, and comprehensive and transparent consultations with civil society and all stakeholders have not been conducted;*

Or. en

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Amendment 15

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Paragraph 10 a (new)

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Amendment

10a. Echoes the call by the European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC) and the American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO) to refrain from including an investor-state dispute settlement mechanism (ISDS) in a possible future trade and investment agreement with the US, and supports the right to regulate in the general interest of society;

Or. en

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Amendment 16

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Paragraph 10 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10b. Calls on the Commission and the Council to apply the 'precautionary principle' when finalising the mandate, and to defend this principle when it comes to the protection of the environment and of human, animal and plant health, in particular with regard to GMOs, the use of hormones and cloning;

Or. en

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Amendment 17

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Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11. Considers it essential for the EU and its Member States to maintain the possibility of preserving and developing their cultural and audiovisual policies, and to do so in the context of their existing laws, standards and agreements; calls, therefore, for the exclusion of cultural and audiovisual services, including those provided online, to be clearly stated in the negotiating mandate;

11. Considers it essential for the EU and its Member States to maintain the possibility of preserving and developing their cultural and audiovisual policies, and to do so in the context of their existing laws, standards and agreements, ***including the UNESCO Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions***; calls, therefore, for the exclusion of cultural and audiovisual services, including those provided online, to be clearly stated in the negotiating mandate;

Or. en

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Amendment 18

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Paragraph 15 a (new)

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Amendment

15a. Is concerned that the United States Trade Representative's 2013 National Trade Estimate Report on Foreign Trade Barriers identifies as barriers to trade of concern a number of important regulations in EU Member States, in particular:

- a variety of cost-containment measures in different Member States, identified as being detrimental to the interests of US pharmaceutical corporations,***
- so-called 'hidden subsidies' for EU fruit producers,***
- the EU system for protection of geographical indications (GIs),***
- the current regulation of copyright protection and enforcement – in particular the rejection of ACTA – including specific legislation in no less than 13 Member States,***
- proposals on data protection that could restrict international data flows,***
- content quotas on broadcasting, in particular in France, Italy, Poland and Spain,***
- the admission of US citizens to practise law in EU Member States,***

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- access to the Irish energy services market,*
 - restrictions on foreign ownership of property in Cyprus,*
 - restrictions on obtaining a controlling stake in 11 business sectors in France, as well as in the French strategic investment fund and the golden share model,*
 - local content criteria for tax incentives in Greece,*
 - the Italian incentive scheme for photovoltaic solar energy production in Italy requiring EU-made components,*
 - quite a number of EU and Member States regulations on public procurement, including the market access regulation;*
- reminds the Commission of the limitations of its competences in the negotiations and of the importance of observing the subsidiarity principle;*

Or. en

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Amendment 19

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Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16. **Welcomes, in particular, the HLWG's recommendation that the EU and the US address the environment and labour aspects of trade and sustainable development;** considers that the experience of previous EU trade agreements and the long-lasting EU-US commitments should be taken into account in order to strengthen the development and enforcement of labour and environmental laws and policies and promote the core standards and benchmarks laid down by the International Labour Organisation (ILO), as well as decent jobs and sustainable development; encourages the harmonisation of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) standards; recognises that achieving common standards is likely to present both technical and political challenges, and emphasises that the common goal should be to ensure that there is no diminution of environmental ambitions;

16. **Reiterates that a strong chapter on environment and labour rights is a precondition for any consent by Parliament;** considers that the experience of previous EU trade agreements and the long-lasting EU-US commitments should be taken into account in order to strengthen the development and enforcement of labour and environmental laws and policies and promote the core standards and benchmarks laid down by the International Labour Organisation (ILO), as well as decent jobs and sustainable development; encourages the harmonisation of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) standards; recognises that achieving common standards is likely to present both technical and political challenges, and emphasises that the common goal should be to ensure that there is no diminution of environmental ambitions;

Or. en

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Amendment 20

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Paragraph 16 a (new)

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Amendment

16a. Stresses that it will be particularly damaging for the people of EU, and for the EU's economy, if the Council does not establish a clear timetable and if it does not include the following aspects in the Commission's negotiating directives:

- concrete and measurable results from the US Government on NTMs with a view to eliminating unnecessary or obsolete measures, such as the Jones Act, that hinder EU-US trade (the Commission is to report regularly on progress in this area to the Council and Parliament),***
- the elimination of existing NTMs in the automotive sector such as the 'American Automobile Labelling Act', or the low cetane rating of diesel in the US, double certification needs emerging from the Customs-Trade Partnership Against Terrorism (C-TPAT);***
- encouragement to the Commission and the US Government to extend their cooperation regarding safety standards and environmental issues in WP29,***
- a staggered schedule for sensitive tariff reductions in the EU to allow EU industries sufficient time to adapt to increased competition,***
- effective bilateral safeguard measures to prevent a surge in imports that would cause, or threaten to cause, serious injury***

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to EU or US economic sectors, especially in sensitive sectors such as the automotive and electronics industries and the agricultural products industry,
– active measures to support the transatlantic market integration of SMEs,
– references to international health and plant health standards and disciplines, in particular those laid down by the Codex Alimentarius, the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) and the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC),
– a chapter on sanitary and phytosanitary measures that does not undermine EU standards and that fully respects the rejection by a vast majority of EU citizens of genetically modified organisms, the bleaching of chicken and the cloning of animals,
– enforceable measures to protect GIs,
– a public procurement chapter that provides for the exclusion of local-level administration, public utilities and defence and security procurement, and a chapter that does not contradict Member State’s localisation requirements in public procurement,
– a robust and ambitious sustainable development chapter which goes far beyond core labour standards (including the four ILO priority conventions for industrialised countries), which includes the establishment of a civil society forum that monitors and comments on the implementation of the chapter and the effective implementation of multilateral agreements on the environment, climate protection, animal welfare and the conservation of biological diversity, and which must not be excluded from the dispute settlement mechanism, including a possible suspension of the agreement;

Or. en

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Amendment 21

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Paragraph 16 b (new)

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Amendment

16b. Reiterates its view that EU agreements with OECD members should – as in the case of the EU-Korea Agreement – not provide for investor-to-state dispute settlement; emphasises its view that both contracting parties involved in the TTIP have highly competent, neutral and efficient domestic judicial systems; calls on the Council to exclude negotiation on investor-to-state dispute settlement from the mandate; calls on the Council to narrow the scope of the investment protection text in terms of agreement to investments made after the entry into force of the agreement; calls on the Council to replace the concept of fair and equitable treatment in the mandate with a reference to customary international law; calls on the Council to delete the concept of indirect expropriation from the mandate;

Or. en

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Amendment 22

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Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

21. Recalls the need for proactive outreach and continuous and transparent engagement by the Commission with a wide range of stakeholders, including business, environmental, agricultural, consumer, labour and other representatives, throughout the negotiation process, in order to ensure fact-based discussions, build trust in the negotiations, obtain proportionate input from various sides, and foster public support by taking stakeholders' concerns into consideration; encourages all stakeholders to actively participate and to put forward initiatives and information relevant to the negotiations;

21. Recalls the need for proactive outreach and continuous and transparent engagement by the Commission with ***the general public and with*** a wide range of stakeholders, including business, environmental, agricultural, consumer, labour and other representatives, throughout the negotiation process, in order to ensure fact-based discussions, build trust in the negotiations, obtain proportionate input from various sides, and foster public support by taking stakeholders' concerns into consideration; encourages all stakeholders to actively participate and to put forward initiatives and information relevant to the negotiations; ***encourages public opinion formation and serious account being taken of the concerns raised; calls, therefore, for the highest possible degree of transparency for the negotiation documents;***

Or. en