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B7-0187/26

Amendment 26
Reinhard Bütikofer
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Vital Moreira
on behalf of the Committee on International Trade
on EU trade and investment negotiations with the United States of America

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Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

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3a. Believes that the character of the envisioned Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) goes far beyond existing bilateral trade agreements of the EU and, hence, that it requires the highest level of transparency, and the active involvement of all stakeholders, at every stage of the negotiations; calls, therefore, for the establishment of a stakeholders' advisory body that represents, in equal measure, both commercial and non-commercial interests, including consumer, labour, environmental and other public interest organisations, and that is kept continuously and fully informed by the Commission about the ongoing negotiations;

Or. en

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Amendment 27

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Paragraph 6

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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, which consist mainly of customs procedures, technical standards, and behind-the-border regulatory restrictions; supports the objective proposed by the HLWG of moving progressively towards an even more integrated transatlantic marketplace;***

6. ***Argues*** that, given already-existent low average tariffs, the ***focus on reducing NTBs will only yield wide benefits if its main targets are customs procedures and, as regards behind-the-border regulatory restrictions, only those that are not value-based; maintains that many regulatory restrictions are rooted in transatlantic divergences over health, safety and environmental standards, and the role of the state; regards as key to unlocking the potential of the transatlantic relationship a common ambitious vision of the future social and environmental needs of the global economic system;***

Or. en

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Amendment 28

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Paragraph 7 a (new)

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7a. Points out that the level of ambition regarding labour rights and health protection is too modest in the HLWG final report; also criticises the limited level of ambition regarding harmonised standardisation for newly emerging technologies;

Or. en

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Amendment 29

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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;

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Or. en

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Amendment 30
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Paragraph 12

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Amendment

12. Stresses that intellectual property is one of the driving forces of innovation and creation and a pillar of the knowledge-based economy, and that the agreement should include strong protection of precisely and clearly defined areas of intellectual property rights (*IPRs*), including geographical indications, and should be consistent with existing international agreements; believes that other areas of divergence relating to *IPRs* should be resolved in line with international standards of protection;

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Or. en

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Amendment 31

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Paragraph 13

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Amendment

13. Considers that the agreement should guarantee full respect for EU fundamental rights standards; ***reiterates its support for a high level of protection of personal data, which should benefit consumers on both sides of the Atlantic***; considers that the agreement should ***take account*** of the General Agreement on Trade in Services (GATS) ***provisions on the protection of personal data***;

13. Considers that the agreement should guarantee full respect for EU fundamental rights standards; considers that the agreement should ***fully respect EU data protection rules, including rules on international transfers, and should contain an exemption as regards data protection referring to Article XIV*** of the General Agreement on Trade in Services (GATS);

Or. en

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Amendment 32

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Paragraph 14 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

*14a. Calls on the Council explicitly to
exclude public services of general interest
from the negotiating mandate;*

Or. en

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Amendment 33

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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;

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Amendment 34

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Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17. Emphasises the sensitivity of certain fields of negotiation, such as the agricultural sector, where perceptions of Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs), cloning and consumer health tend to diverge between the US and the EU; sees an opportunity in enhanced cooperation in agriculture trade, and stresses the importance of an ambitious and balanced outcome in this field; stresses that the agreement must not undermine the fundamental values of either side, for example the precautionary principle in the EU; calls on the US to lift its import ban on EU beef products, as a trust-building measure;

17. Emphasises the sensitivity of certain fields of negotiation, such as the agricultural sector, where perceptions of Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs), cloning and consumer health tend to diverge between the US and the EU; ***calls on the Council clearly to state in the mandate that the existing GMO legislation in the EU, and the relevant precautionary principle in the implementation of this GMO legislation, are not subject to negotiations;*** sees an opportunity in enhanced cooperation in agriculture trade, and stresses the importance of an ambitious and balanced outcome in this field; stresses that the agreement must not undermine the fundamental values of either side, for example the precautionary principle in the EU; calls on the US to lift its import ban on EU beef products, as a trust-building measure;

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Amendment 35

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Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18. Stresses that financial services must be included in the TTIP negotiations, and calls in this context for particular attention to be paid to equivalence, mutual recognition, convergence and extraterritoriality, since these are central considerations for both sides; emphasises that convergence towards a common financial regulatory framework between the EU and US would be beneficial; highlights that whilst market access must be regarded as a positive step, prudential supervisory processes are vital for obtaining proper convergence; stresses that the negative impact of extraterritoriality should be minimised and should not be allowed to detract from a consistent approach to regulating financial services;

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Or. en

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Amendment 36
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Motion for a resolution
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. ***Calls on the Council to come to an agreement with the US on the transparency of the negotiations, especially regarding the timely publication of draft texts in all stages of the negotiations;*** 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;

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Paragraph 21 a (new)

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Amendment

21a. Calls on the Council to make the final negotiating mandate public, as a sign of a new spirit of transparency in trade negotiations;

Or. en