





Mr. Martin Schulz, President of the European Parliament European Parliament Bât. Paul-Henri Spaak, 09B011 60, rue Wiertz B-1047 Bruxelles

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Dear Mr. Schulz,

In anticipation of the 14th round of negotiations between the EU and US for the Trans-Atlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) planned to start on 11 July in Brussels, we are writing to you on behalf of over 65 organisations representing consumers, farmers, not-for-profit health insurers, environmental and general public interest groups to express our serious concerns that the European Commission is failing to respect the European Parliament's 2015 Resolution on TTIP. ¹

Today, we released new analysis, which demonstrates that the European Commission continues to ignore critical aspects of the European Parliament's Resolution on TTIP, in particular regarding recommendations related to protecting public health, the environment, and democracy.

1. Negotiating on and affecting EU chemicals and pesticides rules

The European Parliament has called on the European Commission not to negotiate on issues "where the EU and the US have very different rules" and not to allow regulatory cooperation to affect future standards in such areas. However, the European Commission has continued to negotiate on issues that will affect legislation on chemicals, pesticides, and cosmetic products, whether directly or through regulatory cooperation. This is particularly worrying because the European Commission is already lowering current EU standards of protection (such as on limits to pesticide residues in food) in order to remove barriers to trade.

2. Respect for the EU regulatory system

The European Parliament has called on the European Commission "to fully respect the established regulatory systems on both sides of the Atlantic". Nonetheless, the European Commission is proposing granting the US Government early access to draft EU measures and enabling it to make

European Parliament (July 2015) European Parliament resolution of 8 July 2015 containing the European Parliament's recommendations to the European Commission on the negotiations for the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) (2014/2228(INI) http://www.europarl.europa.eu/sides/getDoc.do?pubRef=-//EP//TEXT+TA+P8-TA-2015-0252+0+DOC+XML+V0//EN

proposals regarding regulatory compatibility through, among other things, harmonisation of legislation or mutual recognition. Moreover, the European Commission is proposing to codify regulatory tools in TTIP that have already led to delays in introducing legislation that would protect human health. As it stands, TTIP also lacks a guarantee to ensure that Member States can legislate their own social and environmental policies, which is also explicitly recommended by the European Parliament's resolution.

3. The Investment Court System (ICS)

Finally, the European Parliament has called on the European Commission to meaningfully reform the Investor State Dispute Settlement (ISDS) mechanism. While the European Commission has proposed replacing ISDS with an Investment Court System (ICS), this proposal falls far short of the European Parliament's demands. In particular, ICS fails to respect the jurisdiction of EU and Member States' courts, fails to ensure that independent judges preside over the potential cases, and fails to ensure that private interests cannot undermine public policy objectives.

As the next round of TTIP negotiations begins next week, we strongly urge you to use your influence to ensure that the European Commission complies with the European Parliament's recommendations on TTIP.

Please find, in attachment to this open letter and online, a preliminary detailed analysis into the above concerns. Thank you for your efforts to protect democracy, health, and the environment.

Sincerely,

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The Health and Environment Alliance is a leading European not-for-profit organisation addressing how the environment affects health in the European Union (EU). We demonstrate how policy changes can help protect health and enhance people's quality of life.

ON BEHALF OF:

- 1. AAA Action group of workers and academics
- 2. Action for Breast Cancer Foundation
- 3. Africa Europe Faith & Justice Network
- 4. Alliance for Cancer Prevention
- 5. Alliance for Childhood European Network
- 6. Altroconsumo
- Association Belges des consommateurs Test-Achats / Belgische verbruikersunie Test-Aankoop
- 8. BEUC, the European Consumer Organization
- 9. Bond Beter Leefmilieu Vlaanderen vzw
- 10. Breast Cancer UK
- 11. Campagna Stop TTIP Italia
- 12. The Cancer Prevention and Education Society
- 13. Center for International Environmental Law (CIEL)
- 14. Center for Environment (Centar za zivotnu sredinu)
- 15. Change Partnership
- 16. Christelijke Mutualiteiten / Mutualités chrétiennes
- 17. CHEM Trust
- 18. ClientEarth
- 19. Comité pour le Développement Durable en Santé (C2DS)
- 20. Community Hygiene Concern
- 21. Corporate Europe Observatory
- 22. Danish Ecological Council (Det Økologiske Råd)
- 23. The Danish Society for Nature Conservation (Danmarks Naturfredningsforening)
- 24. Ecobaby Foundation
- 25. ECOCITY
- 26. Ecologistas en Acción
- 27. EKPIZO
- 28. European Environmental Bureau
- 29. European Public Health Alliance (EPHA)
- 30. Fairwatch
- 31. FÍS NUA
- 32. Foundation for Ecodevelopment (Mondiaal Alternatief)
- 33. Fracking Free Ireland
- 34. Friends of the Earth Europe
- 35. Friends of the Landless Finland (Maattomien ystävät ry)
- 36. Fundación Alborada
- 37. Gezinsbond
- 38. Générations Futures
- 39. GLOBAL 2000
- 40. Greenpeace
- 41. Health and Environment Alliance

- 42. Health and Trade Network
- 43. Health Care Without Harm
- 44. HEJSupport
- 45. International Society of Doctors for the Environment Italy
- 46. IPEN
- 47. Kom op tegen Kanker
- 48. Mutualités Libérales / Liberale Mutualiteiten
- 49. Les Mutualités Neutres / De Neutrale ziekenfondsen
- 50. Naturfreunde Internationale / Naturefriends International / Internationale des Amis de la Nature
- 51. Onafhankelijke Ziekenfondsen / Mutualités Libres
- 52. Pesticide Action Network (PAN) Europe
- 53. Pesticide Action Network (PAN) Germany
- 54. Réseau Santé Environnement (RES)
- 55. Solidarity Bulgaria
- 56. Socialistische Mutualiteiten Solidaris
- 57. Spanish Association of Environmental Education (Asociación Española de Educación Ambiental)
- 58. Spanish Society of Public Health and Health Administration (SESPAS)
- 59. Slow Food
- 60. SumOfUs
- 61. TTIP and Agriculture Coalition The Netherlands
- 62. Traidcraft
- 63. Transnational Institute TNI
- 64. Wemos
- 65. Women in Development Europe (WIDE+)
- 66. Women in Europe for a Common Future (WECF)
- 67. Zero Association for the Sustainability of the Earth System



































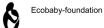






















































































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