

SUMMARY

of the Opinion "Trade for All Towards a more responsible trade and investment policy"

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The Chamber of Deputies:

- Welcomes the attention granted by the European Commission to the small enterprises in order to facilitate their access to the new markets;
- Welcomes the continuity of the policies of sustainable monitoring and of those aiming at preserving the resources within the free exchange agreements;
- Suggests to the European Commission to analyze the impact which the ambitious plurilateral Trade in Services Agreement (TiSA) could have upon the fiscal policy of the Member States;
- Encourages the European Commission in trying to use the free exchange agreements and TiSA in order to establish norms for the E-commerce and the cross-border flux of data, in accordance with the norms on data protection and confidentiality in the European Union;
- Notes the difficulty of the negotiations for concluding an agreement on environmental goods (Environmental Goods Agreement – EGA), especially concerning the necessary services for effectively selling these goods across borders. It also encourages the European Commission and all the interested parties to contribute to establishing realistic and efficient stipulations;
- Encourages the European Commission to insist upon protecting consumers and personal data, also including the enlargement of the sphere of this type of data, in order to diminish the impact of the new problems raised by the digital revolution and those concerning the fight against terrorism;
- Suggests to the European Commission that - taking into account the dependence of the Union upon the import of resources, the access to energy and raw materials, which are essential for the EU competitiveness - to have in view a multidimensional analysis which should be focused on innovation, diversification of the sources of raw materials and energy, on circular economy and the use of the cosmic space;
- Proposes the European Commission to analyze how the current system of protection, centered on brevets, can cope with the technical progress regarding the risks of “cloning” or duplication.