



The Consumer Voice in Europe

# The consumer perspective on the TTIP resolution

**Letter sent on 5 June 2015 to Mr. Gianni Pittella, President of the S&D Group in the European Parliament and Mr. Bernd Lange, Chair of the INTA Committee in the European Parliament**

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**Re: The consumer perspective on the TTIP resolution**

Dear M. Pittella,

Dear M. Lange,

I write on behalf of the European Consumer Organisation (BEUC) in view of the upcoming vote on the European Parliament mid-term review of the TTIP talks. BEUC is in principle supportive of free trade, if it results in expanding consumer choice, making services and goods more accessible and less expensive for citizens. Nevertheless, BEUC has serious reservations regarding the proclaimed potential benefits, should they come at the expense of consumer, health, environmental, labour and safety standards in Europe.

Next week vote's will thus be essential for consumers as they are hoping for a strong message to be sent to the Commission by this Parliament. One of the core issues of this vote will be the so called investor to State dispute settlement mechanism (ISDS). We are aware of the pressures you received from various stakeholders who are calling on you not to destroy the text adopted in INTA committee. We believe that adopting a strong position on ISDS next week would not destroy the balance of the INTA report but would on the contrary reinforce it and send a very positive signal to EU citizens. We welcome the amendments tabled by the S&D group in that sense and welcome even more the trans-partisan amendment clearly opposing the inclusion of ISDS in TTIP.

BEUC would also like to call on the S&D group to support the amendments proposing to include good elements of ENVI and LIBE's opinions regarding regulatory cooperation, food safety, health, chemicals, cosmetics and data protection. Such references in the final resolution would contribute to ensure that TTIP could deliver benefits to consumers.

We remain at your disposal should you need further information on BEUC's position.

Best regards,

Monique Goyens  
Director General