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Transparency proposals for TTIP

Following the European Commission's statement yesterday, Tuesday 25 November, on transparency within the EU/US trade negotiations (TTIP), The European Consumer Organisation's Director General Monique Goyens commented:

"The trade commissioner's promises to boost the transparency of the TTIP negotiations are a valuable shift in emphasis. When deals with such extensive ramifications for consumers' daily lives are negotiated, then parliamentarians, civil society organisations and the public itself deserve to know what is at stake.

"That being said, we believe there are additional steps which will need to be taken when the Commission says it will 'consult even more extensively on TTIP'.

"More public consultations should be held, especially once final position papers are compiled. This should happen in each sector involved. It is only proper that this also happens on the ultimate text before it can be signed off.

"We will keep a close eye on how the Commission acts on such promises. More transparency should amount to nothing short of publishing each of the trade agreement's formal negotiating texts.

"The Advisory Group which has been set up should be given the opportunity to advise and comment on EU text proposals before they are presented to US negotiators. Its 'reading room' should be refurbished for the 21st century by becoming an online tool which facilitates comments".

BEUC recently published its recommendations for more transparency in TTIP. Our position paper can be found [here](#).