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of the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy

for the Committee on International Trade

on recommendations to the European Commission on the negotiations for the
Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP)
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SUGGESTIONS

The Committee on Industry, Research and Energy calls on the Committee on International Trade, as the committee responsible, to incorporate the following suggestions into its motion for a resolution:

1. Calls on the Commission to maintain the objective of including a specific energy chapter in the TTIP which could significantly increase the EU's energy security;
2. Requests that the Commission ensure a policy of free trade with respect to fuels, including LNG and crude oil;
3. Calls on the Commission to work on transatlantic harmonisation of standards and regulations that define the principles of public support for different energy sources;
4. Points to the huge differentials between the USA and the EU in energy prices but also in per capita CO₂ emissions; calls on the Commission, therefore, to provide energy-intensive sectors in the EU, including the chemicals industry, with appropriate measures maintaining current tariff rates over the longest possible period after the entry into force of the TTIP;
5. Calls on the Commission to ensure that the priorities and concerns of SMEs are fully taken into account in the TTIP negotiations e.g. by means of impact assessments or targeted public consultations;
6. Requests that the Commission facilitate more active participation of EU firms in US public procurement as this can contribute to stimulating private-sector innovation and to the emergence of new, high-growth innovative companies and sectors;
7. Reminds the Commission, while welcoming the potential benefits of regulatory alignment and mutual recognition, including the establishment of common principles in standards and technical specifications in the area of ICT, about the importance of maintaining high levels of safety and security;
8. Reminds the Commission, regarding ICT services, that it is of particular importance that the TTIP ensure a level playing field with equal access for EU service companies to the US market and with an obligation on US service providers to respect the rules applicable to EU companies when providing services in Europe or to European customers.