**MEPs set benchmark for a good and fair TTIP (ready-to-air)**

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**Source:** S&D group

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**Intro**

*Strasbourg, 8th of July.* Today, during a crucial vote on the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership, Socialists & Democrats in the European Parliament forced the Commission to exclude ISDS from the agreement and replace it with a public, democratic and transparent mechanism.

The video package contains:

Extracts of the press conference with **S&D President Gianni Pittella**

Interview with the **EP Rapporteur, Bernd Lange**

Format:

- 1 ‘ready-to-air’ video with voice-over and subtitles in English

- 1 b-roll with natural sound bites in Italian and German

**Shotlist**

FRANCE, STRASBOURG (JULY 8, 2015) (SOCIALISTS AND DEMOCRATS, EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT - ACCESS ALL)

1. CUTAWAY: VARIOUS OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT IN STRASBOURG (EXTERIOR)
2. CUTAWAY: VARIOUS OF THE VOTE RELATED TO TTIP AND THE S&D MEMBERS VOTING
3. VOICE OVER SAYING (ENGLISH):

« Today, during a crucial vote on the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership, Socialists & Democrats in the European Parliament forced the Commission to exclude ISDS from the agreement and replace it with a public, democratic and transparent mechanism »

FRANCE, STRASBOURG (JULY 7, 2015) (SOCIALISTS AND DEMOCRATS, EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT - ACCESS ALL)

1. CUTAWAY: VARIOUS OF THE S&D PRESS CONFERENCE GIVEN BY GIANNI PITTELLA
2. GIANNI PITTELLA (PRESIDENT OF THE S&D GROUP) SAYING (ITALIAN):

Original (IT): Questo sistema e' morto. Il sistema degli ISDS. Noi siamo contrari ad una riformulazione degli ISDS. Questo sistema va sostituito da un sistema pubblico - lo ripeto, pubblico -, trasparente e che preveda la possibilita' di appello.”

(EN): “This ISDS system is dead. We are against a reformulation of ISDS. Such a system has to be replaced with a system that is public, transparent and that envisages the possibility of appeal. »

1. CUTAWAY: VARIOUS OF THE S&D PRESS CONFERENCE GIVEN BY GIANNI PITTELLA, QUESTIONS ASKED BY THE JOURNALISTS
2. VOICE OVER SAYING (ENGLISH):

“The S&D Group also secured the respect of high international standards during negotiations. »

1. GIANNI PITTELLA (PRESIDENT OF THE S&D GROUP) SAYING (ITALIAN):

Original (IT): La risoluzione accoglie le nostre richieste circa gli standard alimentari, i diritti dei lavoratori, la difesa dell'ambiente e dei servizi pubblici.”

(EN): “The resolution encompasses our requests on food standards, workers' rights, the defence of the environment and on public services.”

1. VOICE OVER SAYING (ENGLISH):

«The aim of the text approved today is to send a clear message to the European Commission and the U.S about MEP’s expectations for from the partnership.»

10. CUTAWAY: BERND LANGE TALKING TO HIS ASSISTANT

1. BERND LANGE (EP RAPPORTEUR ON TTIP) SAYING (GERMAN):

Original (DE): « wir glauben mit einem guten TTIPP wir Standards setzten können für die globalisierte Wirtschaft. wir brauchen klare Regeln damit sozialer Dumping damit Umwelt Dumping verhindert wird und da haben wir mit TTIPP eine Chance für. »

(EN) “We think that with a good TTIP we can set standards for the globalized economy. We need clear rules to avoid social dumping and environmental dumping, and we think that with TTIP we’ve got a chance to do that.”

1. VOICE OVER SAYING (ENGLISH):

« But why do we need TTIP? What could be the benefit for citizens?»

13. CUTAWAY: BERND LANGE TALKING TO HIS ASSISTANT

1. BERND LANGE (EP RAPPORTEUR ON TTIP) SAYING (GERMAN):

Original (DE): Wir wollen sicher stellen dass Arbeitsnehmerrechter verbessert werden wir wollen auch sicherstellen dass die Bedingungen für kleinere und mittel Betriebe verbessert werden in ihren Exportmöglichkeiten und in ihren Importmöglichkeiten und das garantiert Jobs in Europa."

(EN): “We want to make sure that the rights of employees and workers will improve and we also want to make sure that the conditions for SMEs will improve in their export opportunities as well as in their import opportunities, and that guarantees jobs for Europe.”

1. VOICE OVER SAYING (ENGLISH):

« Once the negotiations between the US and the EU are over, the Parliament will have to vote on the final text and give its consent before it comes into force. »

1. CUTAWAYS: VARIOUS OF MEPS IN THE PLENARY AND
2. CUTAWAYS: EXTERIOR SHOTS OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

**Story**

*Strasbourg, 8th of July.* After long and difficult negotiations, the European Parliament today voted on a resolution on the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) where the role of the Socialists and Democrats was crucial. The S&D Group shaped the recommendations for TTIP given by the Parliament to the European Commission.

**S&D president Gianni Pittella said:**

"We believe that a good and fair TTIP can bring many benefits to European citizens and enterprises in terms of growth and jobs, and will also avoid a global race to the bottom on human rights, environmental and labour standards. But I say a good TTIP, not any TTIP.

"Unlike the liberal view of trade accepted by ALDE and EPP and the protectionist left, the S&D Group wants to use TTIP to harness globalisation and set standards. We successfully introduced all our demands, including the end of ISDS in trade deals. It must be replaced by a new public and transparent system of investment protection, in which private interests cannot undermine public policy and which is subject to public law. And it will set a new principle for all upcoming trade deals."

**S&D MEP Bernd Lange, author of the parliamentary resolution and chair of the trade committee, said:**

"We are faced with a reality of unprecedented globalisation. Our citizens and workers are in the middle of this process; our companies are an integral part of global value chains.

"It is therefore our democratic duty to shape the rules governing globalisation in order to make it work for the benefit of the people.

"Today we have done just that. We told the Commission that we won't simply accept any trade agreement they put in front of us. We demand an agreement that sets high standards in trade relations. We demand the protection of our citizens' data and our public services. We expect a binding chapter on labour and environmental standards to make sure that trade is based on fair rules instead of social and environmental dumping. We made it clear to the Commission that private arbitration has no future in our trade agreements.

"Some critics have said that we are too ambitious in our demands. I disagree. If you don't fight, you have lost the battle before you have even started."

**S&D spokesperson on trade, David Martin MEP, added:**

"There is nothing progressive about sticking your head in the sand and hoping trade will regulate itself. The Socialists and Democrats are committed to representing the views of our citizens to the Commission in order to shape TTIP in the direction we want. Today the majority of the Parliament agreed with us: exclude public services, safeguard our environment and food standards, introduce binding labour standards and bring an end to secret tribunals. We will continue to make these demands for the TTIP negotiations. Our values must be at the heart of a European economic growth strategy."

See our document detailing all the S&D achievements in the TTIP resolution

<http://www.socialistsanddemocrats.eu/sites/default/files/S%26D%20achievements%20in%20TTIP.pdf>