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Subject: European Parliament recommendations on the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP)

Dear Member of the European Parliament,

We are writing to you in view of this week's plenary vote of the European Parliament's recommendations on the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) to call on your support for the compromise reached within the INTA Committee.

The European automobile industry has been a strong supporter of a comprehensive TTIP agreement from the very beginning of the negotiations. ACEA wishes to take this opportunity to reiterate its position that such a comprehensive agreement should be obtained under a single undertaking, covering the elimination of both tariffs and non-tariff barriers (NTBs) through regulatory convergence, while also providing a robust and improved mechanism on investment protection.

Our industry has welcomed the fact that this position has been reflected positively in the report approved by the INTA Committee. The provisions underlining that the recognition of equivalence of the greatest number of vehicle safety regulations would be one of the most important achievement of the agreement, the reference to the avoidance of unnecessary future divergences under the UNECE framework and the statement to build on the concept paper presented by Commissioner Malmström for a reformed and effective system of investor-to-state dispute settlement mechanism (ISDS) would all give a positive momentum to the next rounds of negotiations.

ACEA is of the view that the wording adopted in the INTA Committee struck the right balance and thus allowed a wide majority of INTA Members to support the draft resolution. The European automobile industry is convinced that this compromise approach is the right way to lay the groundwork for a strong TTIP for Europe. In this context, we respectfully urge you to give your favourable vote to the INTA compromise during this week's plenary vote.

ACEA appreciates your careful consideration of this important matter and stands ready to provide any further information.

Yours sincerely,

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