EC/Ukraine Partnership and Cooperation Agreement: preservation of commitments on trade in services

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The Committee on International Trade adopted a report drafted by Zbigniew **ZALESKI** (EPP-ED, PL) approving the conclusion of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Community and Ukraine in relation to preservation of commitments on trade in services contained in the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement.

The Committee noted that the services area is essential for the EU and the Ukrainian economies. Ukraine has no choice but to reform this sector. The short-run transition hardship will result in a modernized, more transparent, open and competitive service market.

Ukraine's capacity to deliver world-class quality services would establish its international reputation and prove the country's ability to rise to the challenge. The European Union must be ready to support Ukraine's efforts both technically and financially but Ukraine must also do its share of domestic reforms and careful opening process.