Resolution on EU trade negotiations with Japan

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The Council was informed by the Commission of the **results of an EU-Japan "scoping exercise",** exploring the prospects for a possible free trade agreement.

It welcomed progress made in the scoping exercise, whilst noting several concerns expressed during the discussion.

The Commission indicated that the scoping exercise had been concluded, and that it would shortly present to the Council a draft mandate and negotiating directives with a view to authorising the Commission to open free trade negotiations with Japan.