Resolution on EU trade negotiations with Japan

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The European Parliament adopted by 517 votes to 74 with 89 abstentions a resolution on EU trade negotiations with Japan.

The resolution had been tabled by the EPP, S&D, Greens/EFA and GUE/NGL groups.

It notes that at the 20th EU-Japan Summit held on 28 May 2011 in Brussels, the summit leaders decided that the two sides would start discussions with a view to defining the scope and level of ambition of negotiations on an EU-Japan trade agreement. Parliament asks the Council **not to authorise the opening of trade negotiations until Parliament has stated its position** on the proposed negotiating mandate, on the basis of a report by the committee responsible.