Basic information

2012/2651(RSP) RSP - Resolutions on topical subjects	Procedure completed
Resolution on EU trade negotiations with Japan **Subject** 6.20.03 Bilateral economic and trade agreements and relations **Geographical area** Japan	

Key players

Council of the European Union	**Council configuration**	**Meetings**	**Date**
	Foreign Affairs	3170	2012-05-31
European Commission	**Commission DG**	**Commissioner**	
	Trade and Economic Security	DE GUCHT Karel	

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
31/05/2012	Debate in Council		Summary
11/06/2012	Debate in Parliament		
13/06/2012	Decision by Parliament	T7-0246/2012	Summary
13/06/2012	Results of vote in Parliament		
13/06/2012	End of procedure in Parliament		

Technical information

Procedure reference	2012/2651(RSP)
Procedure type	RSP - Resolutions on topical subjects
Procedure subtype	Resolution on statement
Legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 136-p2
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Motion for a resolution		B7-0297/2012	06/06/2012	
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		T7-0246/2012	13/06/2012	Summary

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2012/2651(RSP) - 31/05/2012

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.

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2012/2651(RSP) - 13/06/2012 - Text adopted by Parliament, single reading

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.