Basic information

2013/2133(INI) INI - Own-initiative procedure	Procedure completed
Negotiations for an EU/Canada Strategic Partnership Agreement. Recommendation to the Council, the Commission and the EEAS **Subject** 6.40.11 Relations with industrialised countries **Geographical area** Canada	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
AFET Foreign Affairs	JEGGLE Elisabeth (PPE)	30/05/2013
	Shadow rapporteur ATTARD-MONTALTO John (S&D) WEBER Renate (ALDE) BÜTIKOFER Reinhard (Verts/ALE) TANNOCK Timothy Charles Ayrton (ECR) SCHOLZ Helmut (GUE/NGL)	

European Commission

Commission DG	Commissioner
European External Action Service	ASHTON Catherine

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
04/07/2013	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
21/11/2013	Vote in committee		
27/11/2013	Committee report tabled for plenary	A7-0407/2013	Summary
09/12/2013	Debate in Parliament		
10/12/2013	Decision by Parliament	T7-0532/2013	Summary

10/12/2013	Results of vote in Parliament		
10/12/2013	End of procedure in Parliament		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	2013/2133(INI)
Procedure type	INI - Own-initiative procedure
Legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 117
Other legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 165
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	AFET/7/13189

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee draft report		PE516.615	11/07/2013	
Amendments tabled in committee		PE519.512	18/09/2013	
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		A7-0407/2013	27/11/2013	Summary
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		T7-0532/2013	10/12/2013	Summary

Negotiations for an EU/Canada Strategic Partnership Agreement. Recommendation to the Council, the Commission and the EEAS

2013/2133(INI) - 27/11/2013 - Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading

The Committee on Foreign Affairs adopted the own-initiative report by Elisabeth JEGGLE (EPP, DE) containing the European Parliament's recommendation to the Council, the Commission and the European External Action Service on the negotiations for an EU-Canada Strategic Partnership Agreement (SPA).

Members recalled that the relations between the EU and Canada were built on shared interests and values formally dating back to 1976. The SPA currently under negotiation would update and revitalise the relationship between the EU and Canada and considerably contribute to the relations between the parties. The Agreement would improve not only the institutional structure of relations, but would also provide Europe's and Canada's citizens with tangible benefits and opportunities in light of broadening the transatlantic market.

In this context, Members called on Parliament to address the following recommendations to the Council, the Commission and the European External Action Service:

Conditionality clause: Members indicated that all EU agreements with third countries should include reciprocal conditionality and political clauses on human rights and democracy, as a reaffirmation of the mutual commitment to these values and regardless of the state of protection of human rights in those countries. Accordingly, Members insisted that such conditionality should form part of the SPA with Canada, should ensure the consistency of the EU's common approach on the matter.

Complementary nature of SPA and Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement: Members encouraged all the parties involved to initial and sign the SPA and the CETA at their earliest convenience and to **underline their complementarity**.

Civil society: Members wanted to ensure that civil society and the main stakeholders are fully involved, informed and consulted in the process.

European Parliament: they asked for periodic reports on the implementation of the agreement to be provided Parliament. These should present an overview of activities carried out and results achieved with regard to the different areas of the agreement.

Negotiations for an EU/Canada Strategic Partnership Agreement. Recommendation to the Council, the Commission and the EEAS

2013/2133(INI) - 10/12/2013 - Text adopted by Parliament, single reading

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The SPA, beyond improving the institutional structure of relations, alongside the CETA, would provide Europe's and Canada's citizens with tangible benefits and opportunities as long as all stakeholders are involved in the process. The opening of markets and regulatory cooperation is expected to generate important economic gains and have positive effects on employment for both Canada and the EU and, in light of broadening the transatlantic partnership and given the existing NAFTA-framework, may lead to the **creation of a transatlantic market**, a win-win situation for all actors involved as long as current social and environmental standards are not lowered.

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