Basic information

2014/2021(INI) INI - Own-initiative procedure	Procedure completed
Recommendations to the Council on the negotiations of the EU-Japan Strategic Partnership Agreement **Subject** 6.40.11 Relations with industrialised countries **Geographical area** Japan	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
AFET Foreign Affairs	PETERLE Alojz (PPE)	21/01/2014
	Shadow rapporteur PAŞCU Ioan Mircea (S&D) VAN BAALEN Johannes Cornelis (ALDE) BÜTIKOFER Reinhard (Verts/ALE) LEGUTKO Ryszard Antoni (ECR) SCHOLZ Helmut (GUE/NGL)	

European Commission

Commission DG	Commissioner
European External Action Service	ASHTON Catherine

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
13/03/2014	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
18/03/2014	Vote in committee		
26/03/2014	Committee report tabled for plenary	A7-0244/2014	Summary
17/04/2014	Decision by Parliament	T7-0455/2014	Summary
17/04/2014	Results of vote in Parliament		

17/04/2014	Debate in Parliament		
17/04/2014	End of procedure in Parliament		

Technical information	
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Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	AFET/7/15310

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee draft report		PE529.840	28/02/2014	
Amendments tabled in committee		PE529.899	05/03/2014	
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		A7-0244/2014	26/03/2014	Summary
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		T7-0455/2014	17/04/2014	Summary

Recommendations to the Council on the negotiations of the EU-Japan Strategic Partnership Agreement

2014/2021(INI) - 17/04/2014 - Text adopted by Parliament, single reading

The European Parliament adopted by 490 votes to 18, with 62 abstentions, a resolution containing the European Parliament's recommendation to the Council, the Commission and the European External Action Service on the negotiations of the EU-Japan Strategic Partnership agreement.

Recalling that Japan has been an EU strategic partner since 2003 and that it already cooperates with the EU in a number of crucial fields, Parliament addressed the following recommendations to the Council, the Commission and the European External Action Service (EASA):

The strategic partnership agreement negotiations: Parliament urged, as a priority, the conclusion of the negotiations aiming at providing a **long-standing framework** for a closer relationship contributing considerably to the deepening of political, economic and cultural relations between both parties.

It sought to strengthen the **political dialogue** with this country by:

- reaffirming shared values, common goals and responsibilities for the promotion of global peace and enhancing the non-proliferation, disarmament and elimination of weapons of mass destruction, cybersecurity and the fight against international crime;
- enhancing cooperation and coordination in the international arena;
- exploring the scope of enhancing cooperation on global security issues and strengthening cooperation on civilian crisis management and natural and man-made disasters;
- urging the Japanese Government to inform the international community as precisely and comprehensively as possible of available data on the **Fukushima** situation at the reactor site and on the levels of pollution.

Parliament also suggested supporting regional dialogue in the framework of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and also bilateral relations with Japan and China and North Korea.

Human rights and fundamental freedoms: Parliament reaffirmed the shared values of respect for human rights, democracy, fundamental freedoms. It called to negotiate a provision in the agreement including **reciprocal conditionality and political clauses on human rights and democracy**, reconfirming the mutual commitment to these values.

In an amendment adopted in plenary, Parliament called on the EU to enter into a dialogue with the Japanese Government on a **moratorium on capital punishment** with a view to its eventual abolition.

Sectoral cooperation: Parliament requested that the possibilities for closer cooperation on satellite navigation systems should be explored and that bilateral trade and cooperation on policies promoting safe, secure and sustainable energy, energy efficiency, renewable energies, nuclear safety, etc should be intensified. Cooperation is sought in the areas of sustainable management of fish stocks, cyberspace, cultural exchange, academic, youth, people-to-people and sports exchanges to respond to the needs of an aging and active society.

Lastly, Parliament called for the strengthening of the provisions on parliamentary cooperation as well as providing binding deadlines for the implementation of the strategic partnership agreement and to provide for monitoring mechanisms, including regular reports to Parliament.

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2014/2021(INI) - 26/03/2014 - Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading

The Committee on Foreign Affairs adopted an own-initiative report by Alojz PETERLE (EPP, SI) containing the European Parliament's recommendation to the Council, the Commission and the European External Action Service on the negotiations of the EU-Japan Strategic Partnership agreement.

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The strategic partnership agreement negotiations: Members urged, as a priority, the conclusion of the negotiations aiming at providing a **long-standing framework** for a closer relationship contributing considerably to the deepening of political, economic and cultural relations between both parties.

Members sought to strengthen the **political dialogue** with this country by:

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Members suggested supporting regional dialogue in the framework of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and also bilateral relations with Japan and China and North Korea.

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