

ADOPTED TEXT no. **428**

'Small Act'

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
CONSTITUTION OF 4 OCTOBER 1958
FOURTEENTH LEGISLATURE
2014-2015 ORDINARY SESSION
23 November 2014

EUROPEAN RESOLUTION

*on the **draft** economic and trade agreement
between the **European Union** and **Canada***

Is considered as final, pursuant to Rule 151-7 of the Rules of Procedure, the resolution with the following content:

See number: **2248**.

Single article

The National Assembly,

In the light of Article 88-4 of the Constitution,

In the light of Articles 206, 207 and 218 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

In the light of the Recommendation from the Commission to the Council, of 27 April 2009, in order to authorise the Commission to open negotiations for an Economic Integration Agreement with Canada,

In the light of the resolution of the European Parliament, of 8 June 2011, on trade relations between the European Union and Canada,

In the light of the agreement finalised at the bilateral summit in Ottawa on 26 September 2014,

Considering the draft economic and trade agreement between the European Union and Canada, which introduces a broad liberalisation of trade between the two parties, over and beyond the World Trade Organization agreements;

Considering the sovereign right of States and of the European Union to implement public policies, in particular as regards public health, environmental protection, social protection and the promotion of cultural diversity;

Considering the precedent which such an agreement could form for the ongoing negotiations of the draft Transatlantic partnership;

1. Asks the European Commission and the Council of the European Union to clearly affirm the legal classification of the economic and trade agreement between Canada and the European Union as a mixed agreement;

2. Requires that the scope of and invoking of the precautionary principle appearing in Article 191 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union cannot be challenged by the provisions of the agreement;

3. Objects to the fact that the provisions laid down regarding bilateral cooperation in biotechnology may go against the European regulations on genetically modified organisms, in particular as regards labelling and the prevention of contamination;

4. Asks that the methods of composition, referral to, decisions by and monitoring of the Regulatory Cooperation Forum be precisely defined;

5. Objects to any investor-State dispute settlement mechanism and asks, therefore, for the substantive revision of chapters 10 and 33 on the protection of investments.

In Paris, 23 November 2014.

The President,

Signed: CLAUDE BARTOLONE