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Summary

The Committee has examined the Commission's Communication on Trade for all.

In its Communication, the Commission presents a new overall strategy for the EU's common external trade policy. The Commission also sets out 101 measures and initiatives which it intends to present in this area.

At a general level, the Committee is positive to the Commission's Communication on a new trade strategy. There has been broad support in the Riksdag for many years for the position that free trade is essentially something positive that can lead to greater prosperity, and that it is therefore an important principle to uphold. In the opinion of the Committee, Sweden should be a clear voice within the EU for open and free trade, and should counteract all forms of protectionism. In addition, the Committee comments on some of the intended measures and initiatives that the Commission presents in its Communication.

The statement contains eight explanatory reservations (from the Moderate Party, Sweden Democrats, Centre Party, Left Party and the Christian Democrats).

The examined document:

Communication from the Commission Trade for all (COM(2015)497).