

The Role of the European Parliament in the Shaping of the EU as a Normative Power in International Economic Relations.

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Scope of the Study

- EU trade policy post-Lisbonnew generation free trade agreements
- Normative Power Europe:Art 21 TEU
- Contribution of the European Parliament



International Trade Policy: Powers of the European Parliament

CCP

Art 207 TFEU

- (2) defining the framework for implementation of the CCP
- (3) the right to be informed

International Agreements

Art 218 TFEU

(6) consent power

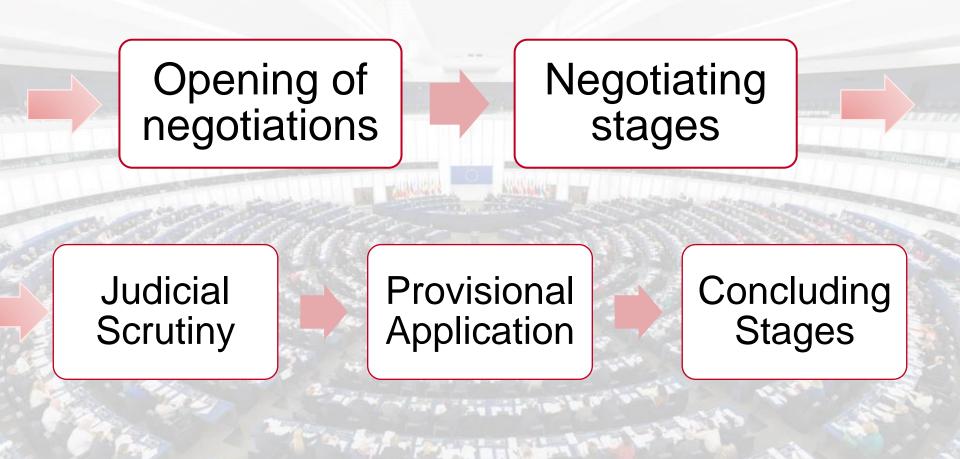
(10) the right to be informed at all stages of the procedure

International Trade Policy: Role of the European Parliament

- Democratic Scrutiny
- Representing voice of EU citizens
- Safeguarding values in Art 21 TEU
 - Democracy
 - Rule of law
 - Human rights
 - Sustainable development



Contribution of the European Parliament



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- The guardian of non-trade related goals
- Market liberalisation as a catalyst for social and political development
- Opened inter-parliamentary co-operation
- Supported effective enforcement mechanisms



Areas for Future Development

- Meek reference to Art 21 TEU
- Consent of the EP for the opening of negotiations (?)
- Consent of the EP for provisional application
- Role of the EP in the implementation of the NGFTAs
- Number of treaties and deepening of the commitments pose difficult challenges

