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Statement against further postal liberalisation within TTIP

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A far-reaching trade deal, the so-called Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) is negotiated between the United States of America (USA) and the European Union (EU). A potential TTIP has significant implications for workers on both sides of the Atlantic. European trade unions are concerned that the potential deal will threaten digital, labour, environmental, and social rights by curbing standards and de-regulating trade in goods and services. Whilst recognising the potential benefits of TTIP, caution prevails as several service sectors will be affected in terms of jobs and subject to increased competition (mainly on wages and labour costs).

A comprehensive TTIP would place most service sectors in a liberalisation and de-regulation obligation. **There are serious risks that negotiations lead to adverse impacts and negative consequences for service sectors and service workers in general.**

Services fulfilling a public interest mission should not be included in the scope of the negotiations. Postal services should not be made subject to further aggressive liberalisation provisions.

UNI Europa Post and Logistics has consistently opposed the processes of liberalisation and privatisation in postal services. We believe that these processes have failed. Therefore, within the context of TTIP, UNI Europa Post & Logistics opposes and does not grant its support to negotiations that imply any further liberalisation, deregulation and/or privatisation of postal services. Additionally we demand the strengthening of social dialogue in the sector and increased transparency in negotiations as UNI Europa Post & Logistics is concerned by built-in liberalisation obligations contained within trade negotiations. TTIP is no exception.

This statement will be forwarded to the EU Chief Negotiator, Mr Ignacio Garcia Berrero to express UNI Europa Post and Logistics' opposition to the processes of further postal services liberalisation within TTIP and demand more ample information as to TTIP provisions related to postal services.