

# Procedure file

Basic information		
RSP - Resolutions on topical subjects	<a href="#">2012/2651(RSP)</a>	Procedure completed
Resolution on EU trade negotiations with Japan		
Subject 6.20.03 Bilateral economic and trade agreements and relations		
Geographical area Japan		

Key players			
European Parliament			
Council of the European Union			
Council configuration	<a href="#">Foreign Affairs</a>	Meeting <a href="#">3170</a>	Date 31/05/2012
European Commission	Commission DG <a href="#">Trade</a>	Commissioner DE GUCHT Karel	

Key events			
31/05/2012	Debate in Council	<a href="#">3170</a>	Summary
11/06/2012	Debate in Parliament		
13/06/2012	Results of vote in Parliament		
13/06/2012	Decision by Parliament	<a href="#">T7-0246/2012</a>	Summary
13/06/2012	End of procedure in Parliament		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	2012/2651(RSP)
Procedure type	RSP - Resolutions on topical subjects
Procedure subtype	Resolution on statement
Legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 132-p2
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed

Documentation gateway				
Motion for a resolution		<a href="#">B7-0297/2012</a>	06/06/2012	EP
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		<a href="#">T7-0246/2012</a>	13/06/2012	EP Summary

## Resolution on EU trade negotiations with Japan

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The Council was informed by the Commission of the results of an EU-Japan "scoping exercise", exploring the prospects for a possible free trade agreement.

It welcomed progress made in the scoping exercise, whilst noting several concerns expressed during the discussion.

The Commission indicated that the scoping exercise had been concluded, and that it would shortly present to the Council a draft mandate and negotiating directives with a view to authorising the Commission to open free trade negotiations with Japan.

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The European Parliament adopted by 517 votes to 74 with 89 abstentions a resolution on EU trade negotiations with Japan.

The resolution had been tabled by the EPP, S&D, Greens/EFA and GUE/NGL groups.

It notes that at the 20th EU-Japan Summit held on 28 May 2011 in Brussels, the summit leaders decided that the two sides would start discussions with a view to defining the scope and level of ambition of negotiations on an EU-Japan trade agreement. Parliament asks the Council not to authorise the opening of trade negotiations until Parliament has stated its position on the proposed negotiating mandate, on the basis of a report by the committee responsible.