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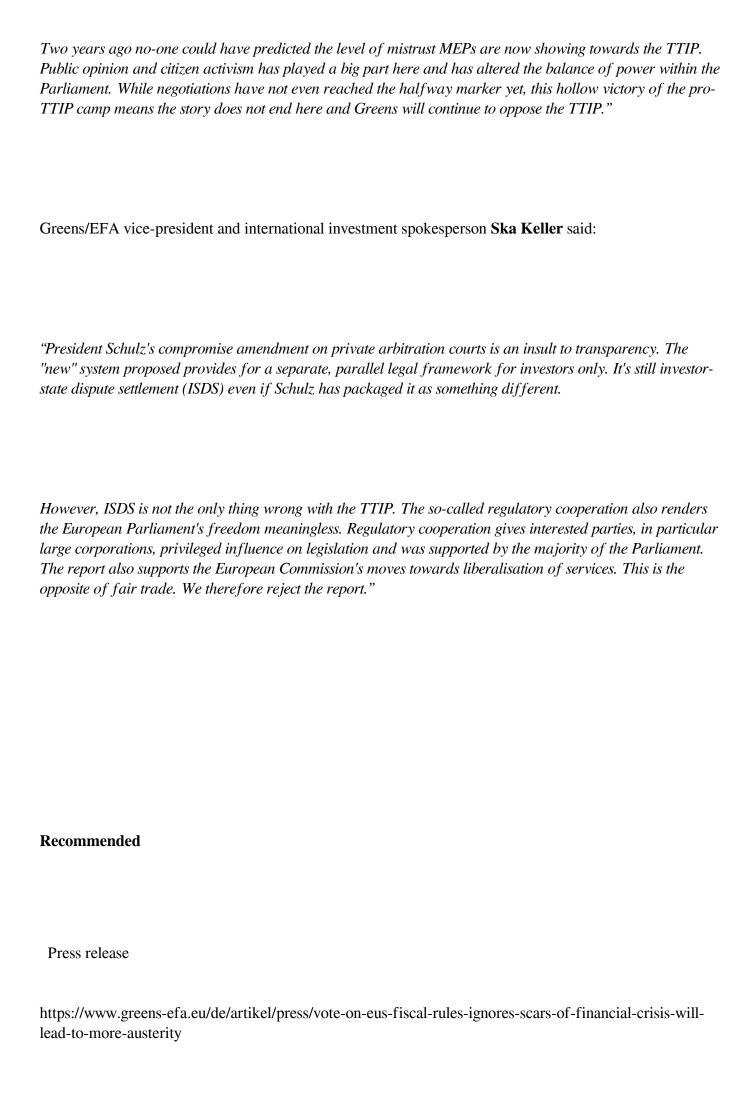
# **EU-US TTIP negotiations**

#### EP President Martin Schulz forces way to hollow victory

The European Parliament today, under direct pressure from its President Martin Schulz, adopted its recommendations to the European Commission on the negotiations for the EU-US trade treaty (TTIP). Commenting on this, Greens/EFA trade spokesperson **Yannick Jadot** said:

"Two years after having together enthusiastically welcomed the opening of negotiations on the EU-US trade treaty, the 'grand coalition' of centre-left, centre and centre-right groups has had major difficulties in building a new majority for even an ambiguous expression of support for the TTIP. This is because for the last two years the TTIP has come under heavy criticism from citizens, consumers, trade unions, citizens, cities and regions and SMEs. Today's adoption is thanks only to the last-minute switch in position of some centre-left MEPs on the question of private arbitration courts, under pressure from President Schulz allied with the centre-right.

By postponing last month's TTIP debate and vote, Martin Schulz won time to impose a new compromise concerning private arbitration courts. Over the last few months, centre-left MEPs had shown their willingness to respect citizens' democratic wishes but this conflicted with Schulz's strategy of compromise with the centre and centre-right groups who are openly in favour of the TTIP's deregulation agenda. During the voting itself, Martin Schultz even twisted the meaning of the European Parliament's Rules of Procedure to fit his political goals.





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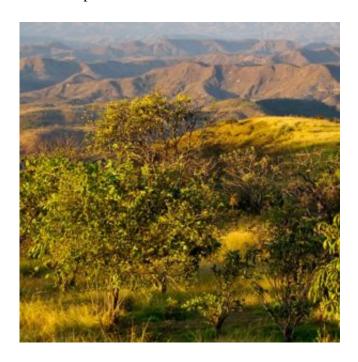


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