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## EU must fight illegal trade measures at the WTO

### Trump EU trade tariffs

The Greens/EFA group in the European Parliament is calling on the EU to take a case to the World Trade Organisation in response to US President Trump's illegal trade tariffs on steel and aluminium.

Greens/EFA co-presidents **Philippe Lamberts** and **Ska Keller** comment:

*"The US has imposed illegal measures that must be challenged in the WTO. The EU has spent enough time trying to placate a US administration hell-bent on upending global cooperation on trade. Failing to act now would set a dangerous precedent and bolster Trump's belief that he can run roughshod over global trade rules.*

*"International trade can only function where there is genuine cooperation. It is crucial that the EU continues to present a united front in the face of Trump's aggression and makes clear that we will not strike bargains with a bully. The EU must work with partners to protect multilateralism.*

*"If Trump continues to escalate, then Europe needs to be ready to defend itself. A trade war is still avoidable, but the EU must be ready to take equal measures in retaliation to defend its jobs and industry."*

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