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1. EU-China Trade Relations

   1.1. Presentation of the MERICS study “China rule- and standard setting ambitions for global trade – implications for EU trade policy” (WK 8915/20)
   
   The Mercator Institute for China Studies (MERICS) will give a presentation to the Members of the Committee on the study “China’s rule and standard setting ambitions for global trade implications for EU trade policy”, to be followed by Q&A. The representative of MERICS will leave the meeting after this sub-item.

   1.2. Strategic Discussion on the EU-China trade relations including an exchange on the trade related aspects of the Leaders’ Meeting (14 September 2020 – via video conference)
   
   Based on a presentation by the Commission, the members of the Committee will be invited to discuss the strategic aspects of EU-China trade relations, including in view of the EU-China Leaders’ meeting that will take place via video conference on 14 September.

2. WTO: DG selection (possibly restricted/limited set up)

The Presidency and the Commission will present the results of the joint Commission-Presidency bilateral contacts with individual TPC Full Members with the aim of having TPC endorsement of four candidates to be communicated to Ambassador Walker’s troika as the EU position.

3. AOB.

   3.1. Information by the Presidency on the Informal FAC Trade (Berlin, 20-21 September 2020 or via video conference – date and format tbc)
   
   The Presidency will inform the Members of the Committee of the items to be covered during the Informal FAC Trade meeting on 20-21 September. While a discussion is not expected, the Presidency is ready to provide any clarifications as needed.

   - Trade Policy Review
   - Situation of the European steel industry (trade and industrial policy aspects)
   - Selection of the next WTO-DG (see agenda item 2.)

Exchange with EP INTA Chair Bernd Lange (restricted/limited set up)

After the meeting, the Members of the Committee will have the opportunity to exchange views with Mr Bernd Lange, Chairman of Parliament's INTA Committee regarding on-going and prospective trade files.

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