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My overall assessment of the Commission communication is very positive in my view, it is an intellectually solid and honest document.

I will divide my remarks in two parts: the trade policy (TP) strategy and the process of EU TP

As far as the strategy is concerned

issues where the legitimacy of trade negotiators and the policy process is clearly much less than in the case of border measures. In my view, this is what is creating the backlash against some of the current trade negotiations like TTIP and I'm not sure that transparency, though welcome, will be sufficient to silence the critics.