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Explanations of vote:

Report: Daniel Caspary ([A7-0255/2011](#))

Pino Arlacchi (S&D), in writing . – I voted for this report because the Union needs a coherent long-term trade strategy in order to take account of the major emerging countries. Such a strategy should be based on a thorough analysis of the current trends in world trade, the Union's internal and external development as well as the diversity of European enterprises.

It's important to stress those micro-enterprises and small and medium-sized enterprises represent 99 % of all enterprises in the EU and have great potential to create new jobs and innovation. For that reason internal and external policies should better address their specific needs to enhance their competitiveness. With regard to external policy, the Parliament must supports the Commission in its goal to promote sustainable development, free and fair trade, international labour standards and decent work. We shouldn't forget that trade policy must promote development, permit better regional cooperation, encourage investment and improve economic governance, reminding all stakeholders that other regions of the globe have shown how trade can contribute to welfare.

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