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United States of America Position Paper

Committee: World Trade Organization

Agenda: USA Withdrawal from the Trans-Pacific Partnership

Opening Statement:

The United States of America whole heartedly welcomes a discussion on this issue in the World Trade Organization to put to rest any doubts still lingering in the minds of our fellow nations and to restore order in International Business and Trade affairs.

The Issue at hand:

The Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP), which is now renamed as Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP), is a multilateral trade agreement which started out as Trans-Pacific Strategic Economic Partnership Agreement (TPSEP) in 2005 with 4 countries. Over time it evolved into the TPP with supposed participation of 12 countries. However, following an Executive Order by the President of the USA, on 23rd January 2017, the USA withdrew itself from TPP.

The TPP originally involved 12 countries which were estimated at roughly 40% of the Global GDP at the time. On paper, the trade deals, lifting of economic barriers and other incentives looked friendly and very welcoming. However, the Citizens, the lawmakers and most importantly the President of the USA, believe that in the long run, the TPP will just be another set of laws that will further the divide between the rich and the poor, and the executives will make more. On the other side, American labor jobs will be lost to developing countries where there are no labor protection laws and low wages.

Therefore, statistically, the overall number of non-American jobs will increase and the nations involved will report positive growth on paper. But, this is at the cost of the American Dream of the people wherein we promise equal opportunities to all.

Firm Position:

Under any circumstance, the United States of America will not be a party to the TPP.

Conventions or Resolutions signed:

- TPP:

Signed: 4th February 2016

Withdrawn: 23rd January 2017

- NAFTA:

Party: 1st January 1994

Point of focus:

TPP in its most fundamental sense fails to address the issues given below but not limited to;

1. Currency Manipulation.
2. Fair trade reciprocation.
3. Labor Protection Provisions.
4. Trade distorting State Owned Enterprises

among other things.

The USA reckons a better opportunity for equated growth and development by means of Bilateral trade relations.

Effect on USA due to current position:

There is no dramatic effect on USA in the near or far future due to its withdrawal from the TPP. Our trade and business activities resume as usual. The entry of any new member nation in the Partnership at this point of time makes the least of differences. However, any further developments in the forthcoming period will be closely monitored and dealt with.