

# Progress

December 2009 plenary session



## Monday 14 December 2009



### Doha Development Agenda (DDA) following the Seventh WTO Ministerial Conference

The S&D Group reaffirms its commitment to a successful conclusion of the DDA and the necessity to put trade at the service of development. We firmly believe that an effective and reformed multilateral trade framework is needed to build a more balanced and fair economic system as part of new global governance at the service of development and of the eradication of poverty. Therefore we reaffirm the indispensable role of the WTO and the necessity to improve multilateral trade rules. We recall the commitment made in Doha in 2001 by all WTO members to conclude a Development round of negotiations aiming at rectifying the existing imbalances in the trade system and aiming to put trade at the service of development.

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## Wednesday 16 December 2009



### Middle East peace process

The EU must play a more active and effective political role in the region. The conclusions adopted by the Council are an important and encouraging step in the right direction. These conclusions may be a reference point in EU Middle East policies. They represent a coherent approach. They reiterate the EU's commitment to the two-state solution, the pre-1967 borders and the status of Jerusalem as the future capital of two states. **Véronique DE KEYSER** Tel: + 33 3 88 17 5774



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### European Globalisation Adjustment Fund

There are several shortcomings in the requests for mobilisation of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (EGF), which is run by the Commission. Though the EGF can not still be funded by raiding the European Social Fund (ESF), the two Funds have different philosophies. The ESF sets up opportunities for jobs in Europe that avoid relocation, while the EGF seeks to help redundant workers to find or create a new job. Furthermore, it is time that the Commission comes up with a genuine European industrial policy, based on the experience of the EGF. **Frederic DAERDEN** Tel: + 33 3 88 17 5446

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## Thursday 17 December 2009



### Mutual recognition of professional qualifications

We call on the Commission to monitor more closely the implementation of professional qualification directive. We consider that this legislation is crucial to enhance the EU's competitiveness as well as the personal and professional experience of the individuals concerned. We ask the Commission to propose initiatives to address the problems raised in many Member States. **Evelyne GEBHARDT** Tel: + 33 3 88 17 5466

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### Public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents

The debate on the the Improvement needed in the legal framework for access to documents following the entry into force of the Lisbon Treaty will give us the opportunity to test the political will and commitment of the European Commission and the European Council to transparency of the European Union. The entry into force of the Lisbon Treaty modifies the decision-making procedure on the subject and offers a new legal basis that we need to interpret in favour of more transparency. The European Parliament will need to send, through a Resolution, a strong signal as to what it expects from the new European Commission. Lisbon is about more transparency, not less. **Michael CASHMAN** Tel: + 33 3 88 17 5759