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Summary of statement by the Committee on Industry and Trade 2017/18:NU8 Examination of the Commission's reflection paper on globalisation

The Committee has examined the Commission's reflection paper on harnessing globalisation and proposes that the Riksdag file the statement.

The Committee maintains that there has long been broad support in the Riksdag for the opinion that free trade is essentially something positive that can lead to greater prosperity, and that it is therefore an important principle to uphold. In the opinion of the Committee, the EU must have a strong voice in favour of fair trade globally in order to promote sustainable development and fulfil global objectives concerning sustainable development, human rights, the protection of employee and consumer interests and the fight against corruption. The Committee also maintains that EU collaboration must continue to be developed and improved in a way that respects the subsidiarity principle and does not undermine the national competence of member states. In relation to the EU's Cohesion Policy, the Committee feels that efforts within the framework of the EU's Structural Funds programmes may be highly significant in terms of competitiveness, knowledge and innovation and sustainable growth, and may promote employability and improve the accessibility of the labour market. The Committee also maintains its position that the EU budget must be reduced as a result of the UK's exit from the union, and that Sweden's contribution must be kept down.

The statement contains six explanatory reservations (from the Moderate Party, Sweden Democrats, Centre Party, Left Party, Liberal Party and the Christian Democrats).

The examined document

The Commission's reflection paper on harnessing globalisation (COM(2017) 240).