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## France is reluctant to The Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership

### President Hollande says

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**USPA NEWS** - "We will never accept the questioning of the essential principles for our agriculture, our culture, for reciprocity in access to public procurement," said the French President Hollande, reluctant to face TAFTA, in closing a seminar on the occasion of 80th anniversary of the popular Front.

THE FRANCE SAYS NO OFFICIALLY TO TAFTA-----"We will never accept the questioning of the essential principles for our agriculture, our culture, for reciprocity in access to public procurement," said the President of the Republic in closing a seminar on the occasion of 80th anniversary of the popular Front. Hours earlier, the Secretary of State for Foreign Trade, Matthias Fekl, warned, meanwhile, that the judgment of the negotiations was the "most probable option" today.-----

TAFTA IS A FREE TRADE AREA PROJECT LAUNCHED IN 2013 BETWEEN USA AND EU-----The Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) is a free trade area project launched in early 2013 by Barack Obama and the leaders of the European Union, José Manuel Barroso and Herman Van Rompuy, with the support of 27 European Member States (now 28). Those statements following the publication Monday by Greenpeace 248 pages of confidential documents on the content of discussions. Revelations that shed light for the first time the US position, which had remained confidential.-----THE AIM OF TAFTA (TTIP) IS TO LIBERALIZE THE MAXIMUM TRADE BETWEEN THE 2 SHORES OF THE ATLANTIC OCEAN-----

The aim is to liberalize the maximum trade between the two shores of the Atlantic, in reducing tariffs; reducing the "regulatory barriers", that is to say, the differences in regulations preventing the Europe and the United States to exchange all of their products and services, and generate additional costs;-----

The TTIP, nicknamed Tafta (Transatlantic Free Trade agreement) by its critics, is not out of nowhere: several transatlantic dialogue bodies have opened the way for the end of the Cold War; but above all it is in the race for free trade mégazonnes launched in the mid-2000s, when the major powers have taken note of the stagnation of the World Trade Organization (WTO), which failed to liberalize world trade because of too divergent interests among its 160 members. Thus, the United States just signed a transpacific partnership with 11 states of the Pacific region. China is negotiating his side a Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) with India and 14 other Asian countries, while 54 members of the African Union have been discussing this year a Continental Free Trade Area (CFTA). All this in a logic of confrontation of large regional economic blocs.

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