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**PRESS RELEASE**

**AmCham EU welcomes the International Trade Committee's vote on  
the creation of a Union system of responsible sourcing**

**Brussels, 17 April 2015** – The American Chamber of Commerce to the European Union (AmCham EU) supports the commitment of the European Parliament's International Trade Committee (INTA) to put in place effective responsible sourcing regulation. In particular, we welcome the formal acknowledgement of existing compliance processes and certification schemes, in order to facilitate and further develop the responsible sourcing of minerals in conflict-affected and high-risk areas.

We call on the European Parliament to adopt the INTA report at its May plenary session. Breaking the link between mineral sourcing and armed conflict is a complex issue that requires the engagement of multiple stakeholders, including governments, the private sector and civil society. AmCham EU supports the development of an effective Union system that complements existing regulation, industry initiatives and is practical from a compliance and enforcement perspective.

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**About AmCham EU**

AmCham EU speaks for American companies committed to Europe on trade, investment and competitiveness issues. It aims to ensure a growth-orientated business and investment climate in Europe. AmCham EU facilitates the resolution of transatlantic issues that impact business and plays a role in creating better understanding of EU and US positions on business matters.

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