AMERICAN MEDICAL STUDENT ASSOCIATION
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RESOLUTION: C-5

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SUBJECT:	Principles Regarding International Trade Agreements
TYPE:	Resolution of Principles

WHEREAS the USTR continues to engage in Trans Pacific Partnership (TPP) trade agreement negotiations; and

WHEREAS the USTR continues to allegedly negotiate for TRIPS-plus IP protections in TPP negotiations; and

WHEREAS the USTR refuses to except tobacco and alcohol from negotiations and, without this exception, a TPP agreement could compromise tobacco and alcohol control initiatives in TPP countries; and

WHEREAS the TPP negotiations have not included meaningful stakeholder engagement and draft TPP texts have not been publicly available,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Principles Regarding International Trade Agreements (pg. 138) be AMENDED to read:

PRINCIPLES REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE AGREEMENTS
The American Medical Student Association:

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3. OPPOSES the enactment of more stringent intellectual property provisions from bi- and **multi** ~~pluri-~~lateral free trade agreements, and this would severely limit access to essential medications (2004) including the following:

4. SUPPORTS use the TRIPS agreement as the maximum and not the minimum protection for intellectual property rights (2004) **and OPPOSES TRIPS-plus protections**.

5. SUPPORTS trade agreements that deter harmful environment practices and unfair labor laws. (2003)

6. SUPPORTS transparency in trade agreement negotiations including Trans Pacific Partnership negotiations

7. STRONGLY ENCOURAGES meaningful stakeholder participation in trade agreement negotiations including Trans Pacific Partnership negotiations and CONDEMNS effort to "lock out" or otherwise exclude stakeholder groups from negotiations.

8. ENCOURAGES exemption of tobacco and alcohol from Trans Pacific Partnership trade agreement negotiations.

9. URGES the following provisions in Trans Pacific Partnership trade agreement negotiations:

> **a. Prohibition of "evergreening" or use of minor modifications of existing drugs to extend market exclusivity**
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> **b. Exemption of diagnostic, therapeutic, and surgical procedures similar to 35 USC 287(c)**
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> **c. Rejection of any provision to provide data exclusivity for biologics**
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> **d. Support for parallel importation in countries like Peru, Thailand, New Zealand, etc.**
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> **e. Preservation of existing national pharmaceutical benefit schemes such as Pharmac in New Zealand and Australia's Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme**

Fiscal Note: none