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President Obama Presses For Advancement Of Trade Deals During State Of The Union

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President Obama gave his sixth State of the Union address on Tuesday, January 20, and one of the major focuses of the speech was the importance of concluding trade agreements. The President used the occasion to call on Congress to pass legislation to grant him trade promotion authority (TPA), which requires Congress to provide an up or down vote (without amendments) on trade deals the Administration has negotiated. [More »](#)

U.S. Sanctions Update

Jane Y. Cohen

Recent actions by the U.S. Congress and several executive branch agencies have resulted in changes to sanctions related to various countries and regions, including Cuba, North Korea, Crimea, and Venezuela. [More »](#)

Keystone Pipeline Debate Continues After Congress Approves Bill

Clint Long

In January 2015, the U.S. Congress passed a bill that authorizes the construction of the [Keystone XL Pipeline](#), and the Nebraska Supreme Court issued a decision that will allow the proposed route of the pipeline to proceed through Nebraska. Supporters of the pipeline cheered these significant results. Other obstacles, however, are appearing in their path. [More »](#)

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- **New Census Report Links Trade Data To Manufactured Products** – *Erienne Kilgore & Elizabeth Owerbach* – The U.S. Census Bureau has released its Manufacturing and International Trade Report (MITR) containing 2012 data, available [here](#). This report unveils a new system of matching import and export data to products by specified manufactured product class. [More »](#)

USTR Requests Public Input On Intellectual Property Review – *Szymon Maziakowski & Patrick J. Togni* – The office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) has requested comments from the public regarding countries that deny adequate and effective protection of intellectual property rights (IPR). [More »](#)

- **USTR Issues Reports On China's And Russia's Implementation Of WTO Agreements** – *Cole Pfeiffer & P. Lee Smith* – The office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) recently issued annual reports on China's and Russia's implementation of their obligations under the World Trade Organization (WTO) Agreements. USTR's [report on China](#) noted the current contentious relationship between the two trading partners. [More »](#)

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