

24 August 2016

Dear

Mr. Bernd Lange, Chair of the INTA Committee  
Mr. Daniel Caspary, Coordinator of the INTA Committee  
Lord Dartmouth, Coordinator of the INTA Committee  
Mr. Yannick Jadot, Coordinator of the INTA Committee  
Mr. David Martin, Coordinator of the INTA Committee  
Mrs. Emma McClarkin, Coordinator of the INTA Committee  
Mrs. Marietje Schaake, Coordinator of the INTA Committee  
Mr. Helmut Scholz, Coordinator of the INTA Committee

**Subject: Call for democratic and broad discussion of CETA in the European Parliament**

We, the undersigned civil society organisations, farmers' and entrepreneurs' groups, write to you to express our demand for a broad and democratic process of discussion of the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) in the European Parliament before the consent vote in plenary.

CETA has been negotiated with very limited involvement of MEPs and out of sight of most national parliamentarians. The agreement, which has more than 1,500 pages, has only been available in all languages of the EU since July 2016.

CETA deals with in-depth and complex issues of trade law and industrial policy, agriculture, energy, environmental policy, intellectual property protection, public services and many more aspects. The proposed new Investor Court System has never been debated by the various EP committees and would affect our legal systems at both EU and national level. The CETA deal as a whole has aroused much public controversy and is in need of re-evaluation after the UK's vote to leave the EU.

We are therefore surprised to learn that to date, no proposal has been made or decision has been taken by INTA to involve other relevant EP committees with responsibility for the aforementioned policy issues of relevance to CETA in order to provide further analysis to INTA. This in effect means that only the INTA committee will discuss the CETA text before the final consent vote in plenary.

This is in our view an unacceptable and undemocratic process. Before the whole EP can take an informed decision on this 1,500 page agreement, we consider it an absolute necessity that all committees of the EP dealing with relevant issues that are part of the CETA agreement have an in-depth discussion on these issues and subsequently offer their opinion for full consideration by INTA members. We also consider it vital that the impacts of CETA on the fulfilment of human rights in Europe and in particular womens' rights and gender equality are assessed.

We therefore demand that:

- the members of the INTA committee, as the responsible committee, invite all EP committees dealing with issues covered by CETA to provide their opinion to INTA – in particular AGRI, ENVI, LIBE, JURI, DEV, ITRE, ECON, EMPL, IMCO, TRAN, REGI, CULT, AFCE, FEMM, DROI; and that
- the EP postpones the vote to consent to the agreement accordingly so the committees have sufficient time to do so.

The European Parliament as the only EU institution directly elected by the European people has a duty to guarantee a broad and democratic process and discussion before the final vote on the CETA agreement is taken in the plenary.

Yours sincerely,

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AITEC, France  
AK EUROPA, Austria  
Alter Summit, Europe-Belgium  
Amigos de la Tierra, Spain  
Asociación Integrandó, Spain  
Associació LA DEFENSA de consumidors i usuaris de Balears, Spain  
Attac Austria , Austria  
Attac Germany, Germany  
Attac Spain , Spain  
Beyond GM, United Kingdom  
Biodynamiske Forbrugere, Denmark  
Both ENDS, The Netherlands  
Campact, Germany  
Campagna StopTTIP Italia, Italy  
Campaña NoalTTIP, Spain  
CIEL, Switzerland  
COAG, Spain  
Collectif Roosevelt, France  
Confédération paysanne, France  
De-clic.ro, Romania  
Ecologistas en Acción Andalucía, Spain  
Education International , international  
ELA, Basque Country, Spain  
ENTREPUEBLOS/ENTREPOBLES/ENTREPOBOS/HERRIARTE, Spain  
European Milk Board (EMB), Belgium  
European Network against Health Commercialization, Europe-Belgium  
FACUA-Consumidores en Acción, Spain  
Fairwatch, Italy  
FÍS NUA, Ireland  
Fondation Nicolas Hulot, France  
Food & Water Europe, Belgium/EU

Forebyggelses- og Patientrådet, Denmark  
Friends of the Earth Ireland, Ireland  
Friends of the Earth Europe, Europe  
Friends of the Landless - Finland, Finland  
GLOBAL 2000 - Friends of the Earth Austria, Austria  
Global Justice Now, United Kingdom  
Green Foundation Ireland, Ireland  
Green Institute, Greece  
Health and Trade Network , Belgium  
Huelva en Marcha Contra el TTIP, Spain  
INFACT Canada, Canada  
Initiativ Liewensufank, Luxemburg  
INTERBEV, France  
Intersindical Valenciana, Valencia, Spain  
Iuridicum Remedium, z. s., Czech Republic  
Keep Ireland Fracking Free, Ireland  
Kinobarco, Belgium  
Klimaat -en vredesactiegroep Pimpampoentje, Belgium  
KMU gegen TTIP Austria, Austria  
Les Amis de la Terre, France  
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Milieudefensie, The Netherlands  
Mouvement Ecologique asbl, FoE Luxembourg, Luxembourg  
Naturefriends Greece, Greece  
Oplysningsforbundet May Day, Denmark  
Ouvaton coopérative, France  
People's Movement - Gluaiseacht an Phobail, Ireland  
Platform Health & Solidarity, Belgium  
PowerShift-Verein für eine ökologisch-solidarische Energie & Weltwirtschaft e.V., Germany  
Sindicato Ferroviario de Aragón, Spain  
Stop Tafta Luxembourg, Luxembourg  
Stop-TTIP, Danmark, Denmark  
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SUATEA, Asturias, Spain  
SumOfUs, international  
The Ecological Council, Denmark  
The Environmental Pillar, Ireland  
Transnational Institute (TNI), The Netherlands  
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