

Open Letter to Trade Ministers Meeting in Chile, 14-15 March 2017

It is clear that the withdrawal of the United States means that the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) agreement as previously negotiated is dead. As representatives of many millions of people in a wide range of unions, civil society groups and social movements, we believe that the TPP text, negotiated in secret, served the interests of large corporations at the expense of governments' rights to regulate in the public interest and of our fundamental rights as citizens. It gave special additional rights to global corporations that were enforceable in discredited offshore tribunals, despite widespread public opposition.

The TPP did not deliver on promises of secure livelihoods, good jobs and prosperity. It would have restricted governments' ability to regulate to ensure affordable medicines, financial stability, workers' rights, protection of the environment and climate change mitigation, and to protect indigenous rights and other fundamental human rights. We are better off without the TPP.

For these reasons, we believe it is not acceptable for TPP rules to be used as a model for future trade negotiations whether bilateral, regional or multilateral, including the World Trade Organisation. We urge you to accept that this model has failed, and to engage with us and others in a more open and democratic process to develop alternative approaches that genuinely serve the interests of our peoples, our nations and the planet.

Carta abierta a los Ministros de Comercio reuniéndose en Chile, 14 y 15 de marzo de 2017

Está claro que la retirada de los Estados Unidos significa que el Acuerdo de la Asociación Transpacífico, tal y como se había negociado, está muerto. Como representantes de muchos millones de personas en una amplia gama de sindicatos, grupos de la sociedad civil y movimientos sociales creemos que el texto del TPP, negociado en secreto, sirve a los intereses de las grandes corporaciones a expensas de los derechos de los gobiernos a regular en el interés público y de nuestros derechos fundamentales como ciudadanos. Otorgó derechos adicionales especiales a las corporaciones globales que podían hacer cumplir en tribunales extranjeros desacreditados, pese a la amplia oposición pública.

El TPP no cumplía las promesas de medios de vida seguros, buenos empleos y prosperidad. Habría restringido la capacidad de los gobiernos para regular los medicamentos asequibles, la estabilidad financiera, los derechos de los trabajadores, la protección del medio ambiente y mitigar el cambio climático, los derechos indígenas y otros derechos humanos fundamentales. Estamos Mejor Sin TPP.

Por estas razones, creemos que no es aceptable que las reglas del TPP se utilicen como modelo para futuras negociaciones comerciales, ya sean bilaterales, regionales o multilaterales, incluida la Organización Mundial del Comercio. Les instamos a aceptar que este modelo ha fracasado y a comprometerse con nosotros, con nosotras y con nuestras poblaciones en un proceso más abierto y democrático para desarrollar enfoques alternativos que sirvan genuinamente a los intereses de nuestros pueblos, de nuestras naciones y del planeta.

International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC)	Global
Friends of the Earth International	Global
LDC Watch	Global

Alianza LAC - Global por el Acceso a Medicamentos	Regional
Asia Pacific Forum on Women, Law & Development	Regional
Building and Woodworkers International - Asia-Pacific	Australia, New Zealand, Malaysia, Vietnam, South Korea, Singapore and Japan
ActionAid Australia	Australia
AEU- NSW Teachers Federation	Australia
AID/WATCH	Australia
Alliance to Save Hinchinbrook Inc.	Australia
Australian Catholic Social Justice Council	Australia
Australian Council of Trade Unions	Australia
Australian Education Union	Australia
Australian Fair Trade and Investment Network	Australia
Australian Manufacturing Workers' Union	Australia
Australian Services Union	Australia
Combined Pensioners & Superannuants Association of NSW	Australia
Data Stream Pty Limited	Australia
Edmund Rice Centre for Justice & Community Education	Australia
Electrical Trades Union of Australia	Australia
Finance Sector Union of Australia	Australia
FOODwatch WA	Australia
Friends of the Earth Australia	Australia
Gene Ethics	Australia
Householders' Options to Protect the Environment (HOPE) Inc.	Australia
Jubilee Australia	Australia
LIVE - Locals Into Victoria's Environment	Australia
Loreto Sister's Australia & South East Asia	Australia
MADGE Australia Inc.	Australia
Margaret River Community Garden	Australia
Margaret River GM Free Group	Australia
Margaret River Regional Environment Centre	Australia
Missionaries of the Sacred Heart Justice and Peace Centre	Australia
N.S.W. Retired Teachers' Association	Australia
National Tertiary Education Union	Australia
National Union of Workers	Australia
NSW Nurses and Midwives' Association	Australia
Pax Christi Australia	Australia
Pesticide Action Group of Western Australia	Australia
Presentation Sisters Queensland	Australia
Presentation Sisters, Wagga Wagga	Australia
Presentation Society of Australia and Papua New Guinea	Australia
Sisters of Charity	Australia

South Coast Labour Council (NSW Australia)	Australia
Sutherland Shire Environment Centre	Australia
Textile Clothing & Footwear Union of Australia	Australia
The International Grail Justice in Trade Agreements Network	Australia
The SEARCH Foundation	Australia
UnionsWA	Australia
Wide Bay Burnett Environment Council Inc	Australia
Canadian Environmental Law Association	Canada
Canadian HIV/AIDS Legal Network	Canada
Canadian Union of Public Employees	Canada
Centrale des syndicats démocratiques	Canada
Centrale des syndicats du Québec (CSQ)	Canada
Collectif pour un Québec sans pauvreté	Canada
Comité pour les Droits Humains en Amérique Latine (CDHAL)	Canada
Common Frontiers	Canada
Conseil Central du Montréal Métropolitain-CSN	Canada
Council of Canadians	Canada
CWA Canada	Canada
Grandmothers Advocacy Network (GRAN)	Canada
Leadnow	Canada
Ligue des droits et Libertés du Québec	Canada
MiningWatch Canada	Canada
Montreal Chapter, Council of Canadians	Canada
National Farmers Union	Canada
OpenMedia	Canada
Pacific Institute	Canada
People's Climate Movement- Toronto	Canada
Progress Champions	Canada
Réseau Québécois sur L'intégration Continentale (RQIC)	Canada
Trade Justice Network	Canada
Trade Justice PEI	Canada
Unifor	Canada
Génération Nationale	Canada
Union Paysanne	Canada
Antimafia -Chile	Chile
Asamblea Invisible	Chile
Asociacion Mutual del Transporte Chile	Chile
Chile Mejor sin TPP	Chile
Colegio de Bibliotecarios de Chile AG	Chile
Comisión Justicia y Paz	Chile

Comunidad Ecuménica Martin Luther King	Chile
Defensa de los Ríos	Chile
Derechos Digitales	Chile
Fenpruss	Chile
Fundacion Chile Sustentable	Chile
Fundacion Constituyente XXI	Chile
Movimiento Tod@s a La Moneda	Chile
ONG Políticas Farmacéuticas	Chile
Observatorio Ciudadano	Chile
Partido Pirata de Chile	Chile
Red de Acción en Plaguicidas y sus Alternativas RAP-Chile	Chile
Revolución Democrática	Chile
Werken Rojo	Chile
Red de Educacion Popular Entre Mujeres de America Latina y el Caribe REPEM	Colombia
Misión Salud	Colombia
Fundación IFARMA	Colombia
Mesa de Organizaciones con Trabajo en VIH Colombia	Colombia
Centro de Información de Medicamentos de la Universidad Nacional de Colombia	Colombia
Comité de Veeduría y Cooperación en Salud	Colombia
Coordinadora Latinoamericana de Trabajadores del Estado y los Servicios Públicos.	Colombia
Conferencia Episcopal de Colombia	Colombia
Solidaritas Perempuan	Indonesia
Advocacy and Monitoring Network on Sustainable Development (AMnet)	Japan
All Japan Farmers Union	Japan
All Tokachi Farmers' Union	Japan
Consumers Union of Japan	Japan
Declaration of private Medical and Dental Practitioners (Hodanren)	Japan
Farmer's Exchange Association in OKITAMA District	Japan
Food Policy Center Vision21	Japan
Food Safety Citizen's Watch	Japan
Forum for Peace, Human Rights and Environment	Japan
Hokkaido Farmers Union of Japan	Japan
Japan Confederation of Railway Workers' Unions (JRU)	Japan
Japan Federation of Democratic Medical Institutions	Japan
Mamademo	Japan
National Coalition for Joint Action to Stop the Enforcement of TPP	Japan
National Coalition of Workers, Farmers and Consumers for Safe Food and	Japan

Health, Japan	
National Committee for the Dialogue on TPP between Citizens and the Government	Japan
Nouminren (Japan Family Farmers Movement)	Japan
Pacific Asia Resource Center(PARC)	Japan
People's Action against TPP	Japan
Stop TPP Action in Kansai	Japan
Stop TPP!! Civil Action	Japan
The Federation of Tokyo Metropolitan Government Workers Union	Japan
The Lawsuit for an Injunction against the TPP Negotiations, and against its Unconstitutionality	Japan
Theoria	Japan
Tohto Consumers Co-operative Society	Japan
TPP Osaka Network for citizens	Japan
Consumers Association of Penang	Malaysia
Malaysian Council for Tobacco Control (MCTC)	Malaysia
Penang Research Center in Socio Economy (PRECISE)	Malaysia
Positive Malaysian Treatment Access & Advocacy Group (MTAAG+)	Malaysia
Sahabat Alam Malaysia	Malaysia
Third World Network	Malaysia
Asociacion Nacional de Empresas Comercializadoras de Productores del Campo (ANEC)	México
Bia'lii, Asesoría e Investigación, A.C .	México
Centro de Derechos Humanos Fray Francisco de Vitoria OP, A.C.	México
Centro de Promoción y Educación Profesional "Vasco de Quiorga", A. C.	México
Convergencia de Organizaciones Sociales México Mejor Sin TPP/TLCs	México
Greenpeace México, A.C.	México
Partido de la Revolución Democrática	México
R3D - Red en Defensa de los Derechos Digitales	México
Sindicato de Telefonistas de la Republica Mexicana STRM	México
ActionStation	New Zealand
Appropriate Technology for Living Assn	New Zealand
FIRST Union	New Zealand
Hebron Christian Fellowship	New Zealand
It's Our Future	New Zealand
Mana Movement	New Zealand
Mana Te Hiku	New Zealand
Mana Te Tai Tokerau	New Zealand
Maritime Union of New Zealand	New Zealand
Nerehana Whanau Trust	New Zealand

New Zealand Council of Trade Unions Te Kauae Kaimahi	New Zealand
New Zealand Nurses Organisation	New Zealand
New Zealand Tertiary Education Union	New Zealand
NZ Public Service Association	New Zealand
Peace Movement Aotearoa	New Zealand
Public Health Association of New Zealand	New Zealand
Rail and Maritime Transport Union	New Zealand
Tainui hapu	New Zealand
Te Runanga-a-Iwi o Ngati Kahu	New Zealand
Waipuna Marae	New Zealand
Acción Internacional para la Salud - Perú	Perú
Alames-Peru	Perú
Asociación Aurora Vivar	Perú
Asociación Pro Derechos Humanos (APRODEH)	Perú
Asociación PROSA	Perú
Central Autónoma de Trabajadores del Perú	Perú
Central Unitaria de Trabajadores del Peru	Perú
Coordinación Nacional de Derechos Humanos (CNDDHH)	Perú
Colegio de Abogados de Lima	Perú
DESCO Centro de Estudios y Promoción del Desarrollo	Perú
ICW Perú	Perú
Justicia en Salud	Perú
Plataforma Peruanos contra el TPP y TISA	Perú
Red Interquorum Cusco	Perú
Red Peruana de Pacientes y Usuarios (RPPU)	Perú
Red Peruana por una Globalización con Equidad (RedGE)	Perú
Red Uniendo Manos Perú	Perú
Si, Da Vida	Perú
Sindicato de Trabajadores Rimac - Sintrarimac	Perú
Sindicato Nacional de Químico Farmacéuticos de DIRESAS, DISAS, Institutos y Hospitales del Ministerio de Salud Gobiernos Regionales y Otras Entidades del Sector Salud (SINQUIFADDIHS)	Perú
PKKK/National Rural Women Coalition	Philippines
Association of Korean Medicine Doctors for Health Rights(AKDH)	Republic of Korea
Association of Humanism	Republic of Korea
Association of Physicans for Humanism	Republic of Korea
Dentist association for Health society	Republic of Korea
Federation of Korean Trade Unions (FKTU)	Republic of Korea
IPLeft	Republic of Korea
Knowledge Commune	Republic of Korea

Korean Confederation of Trade Unions(KCTU)	Republic of Korea
Korean Progressive Network Jinbonet	Republic of Korea
MIN-BYUN(Korean Lawyers for Democratic Society)	Republic of Korea
Open Net Korea	Republic of Korea
The Korean Federation of Medical Groups for Health Rights	Republic of Korea
International Accountability Project	Thailand
Americans for Democratic Action	USA
Citizens Trade Campaign	USA
Communications Workers of America	USA
Electronic Frontier Foundation	USA
Fair World Project	USA
Green America	USA
Greenpeace	USA
Health GAP (Global Access Project)	USA
Holy Cross International Justice Office	USA
Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy	USA
International Brotherhood of Teamsters (IBT)	USA
Jobs With Justice	USA
Just Foreign Policy	USA
LWC Policy Consulting Inc.	USA
Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns	USA
National Family Farm Coalition	USA
NETWORK Lobby for Catholic Social Justice	USA
People Demanding Action	USA
Pride at Work	USA
Public Citizen	USA
Sierra Club	USA
United Church of Christ Justice and Witness Ministries	USA
United Mine Workers of America	USA
United Steelworkers (USW)	USA
Vietnamese Network of People Living with HIV/AIDS (VNP+)	Vietnam