



## Women need an alternative trade mandate which allows:

human rights, women rights, labour rights, indigenous rights and the protection of the environment to take priority over corporate and private interests

structural transformation, universal access to quality public services and social protection

full transparency in global value chains and application of the precautionary principle to protect people/women from harm

countries, regions, communities to regulate the production, distribution and consumption of their own goods and services, to prioritize local and regional food systems and guarantee food sovereignty for all

decent income for producers and workers and affordable prices for consumers particularly for necessities such as food and medicine.

governments, parliaments and public authorities to have full rights to regulate financial markets and the financial services sector in order to protect social rights and welfare, secure sustainability, safeguard democratic control.

to exclude public goods, commons such as water, health, education, culture from trade and investment negotiations.

common but differentiated responsibilities to be recognised for developing countries and special and differentiated treatment to be ensured for the poorest ones.



## WILPF women oppose TTIP

*"WILPF sees as its ultimate goal the establishment of an economic order founded on the principle of meeting the needs of all people and not on those of profit and privilege."(1915)*



The "free trade" as the term is used now is not an opening between nations and has nothing to do with more freedom and justice; it means freedom for powerful corporations but servitude for people" (2014).

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## What is TTIP?

The Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) is a comprehensive free trade and investment treaty currently being negotiated – in secret – between the European Union and the USA (such as CETA between Canada and the EU). What is called “the biggest trade deal in the world” is aimed to be finalized by the end of 2014.

The main goal of TTIP is, by their own admission, to remove regulatory ‘barriers’ which restrict the potential profits to be made by transnational corporations on both sides of the Atlantic.

In addition to this deregulation agenda, TTIP also seeks to create new markets by opening up public services and government procurement contracts to competition from transnational corporations, threatening to introduce a further wave of privatizations in key sectors, such as health, culture and education.

Most worrying of all, TTIP seeks to grant foreign investors a new right to sue sovereign governments in front of ad hoc arbitration tribunals for loss of profits resulting from public policy decision (**ISDS**- investor-to-state dispute settlement mechanisms). If an arbitration tribunal concludes that democratically determined policies might narrow an investor’s projected profits, it could oblige a government to pay billions in damages.

TTIP is a backdoor for big industry to neutralize social and environmental achievements and promote quantitative growth; it has irreversible impacts on our daily lives, in particular on our health, food, labour, product safety, environment, social standards as well as privacy standards. It could even fundamentally change the way in which we use democratic institutions.

## PeaceWomen against TTIP

### **Economic instability and cuts in social services hurt women first:**

Social security and welfare systems and the access to guaranteed public services are extremely important to reduce health risks, poverty and guarantee a self determined life of men and women. TTIP opens dangerous doors to further privatisation affecting social peace in the societies.

### **Food sovereignty, food safety are deregulated and environmental standards watered down**

Women as key actors organising the daily life of their families need access to clean water and safe food. They are the majority of small scale farmers and assure basic food supply. Landgrabbing, agrobusiness, the extraction of oil, gas and minerals, food contaminated by pesticides, hormones and other additives threaten and pollute land and water. Biodiversity gets lost through the overuse of natural resources and industries.

### **Unequal distribution of "eventual" benefits**

Investment protection mechanisms and the opening to competition for private investors undermine the sovereignty of citizens, exclude the poor, the women and skip the precautionary principle as an important factor of conflict prevention.

### **A threat to the global South - A threat for peace !!**

TTIP is the opposite of what is meant by sustainable development goals/SDGs; European companies are putting farmers in the Global South at risk with a one-way strategy and cheap exports from the food industry destroying local markets.

## Campaigning

- The 6<sup>th</sup> negotiation round took place in Brussels in July 2014. The secrecy surrounding denies our rights as citizens to be consulted about matters which affect our lives!
- Identify, locate MPs, MEPs and Councillors and write about your protest
- Write to national and local newspapers, and raise the alarm about TTIP on radio talk shows.
- Discuss the impact with your friends and neighbours
- Take all kind of creative actions
- Sign the initiatives e.g. from Campact, Attac nature protection' and Human rights organisations and some political groups
- Sign the European Citizen Initiative/ECI – start September 2014 !!
- Join IFFF/WILPF !!

