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# FREE TRADE AGREEMENTS

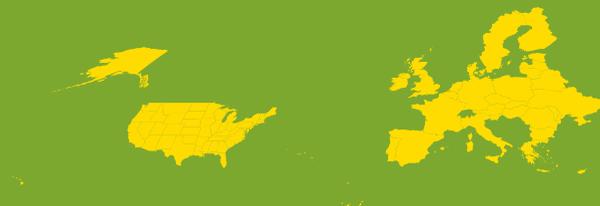
*New free trade and investment deals across regions are being negotiated that will have far-reaching implications for people in both the global North and South and for the future of the world economy. These deals often come under the rubric of “partnerships” but they are far from partnership of equals. They are directed by rich industrial countries for the benefit of their transnational corporations (TNCs).*

## TRANSPACIFIC PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT (TPPA)



- A massive “free trade” agreement between several Asian and Pacific Rim countries and led by the US
- Part of the US ‘Asia-Pivot’ strategy
- Only 5 chapters are about trade issues, and most are rules on non-trade matters that affect our daily lives including jobs, food, medicines, internet freedom, financial regulation, and more

## TRANSATLANTIC TRADE & INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP (TTIP)



- A bilateral free trade agreement between the United States and European Union
- Like TPPA, TTIP’s primary aim is to remove ‘trade irritants’ that restrict the potential profits to be made by TNCs including labour rights, food and safety rules, environmental regulations, digital privacy laws, and banking safeguards

## THE TRADE-IN-SERVICES AGREEMENT (TiSA)



- A ‘plurilateral’ agreement between different countries of different income brackets across continents
- Aims to liberalise and lock-in market access for health, social services and education, water service, transportation, communication, finance, among others
- Imposes new restrictions on regulation and create grounds to challenge policies of public interest

# FTAs ATTACK OUR ENVIRONMENT



Restrict governments from implementing measures to protect the environment and regulate foreign corporations as these can be seen as restricting corporations’ right to profit. Such measures can be challenged by foreign corporations in an international dispute tribunal.



Intensify forest denudation and grabbing by foreign investors of developing country lands for the production of agro-fuels and grains for import to their markets.



Provide foreign mining corporations easy access to developing countries’ lands and mineral resources by allowing them to purchase communal lands and indigenous peoples’ territories.



Fuel the pollutive industries of developed countries as the lifting on bans on the export of crude oil and gas will encourage more coal mining and fracking.



Promote the existing growth and profit-driven capitalist economy that commodifies natural resources and common goods for profit accumulation of the global corporate elites.



# NO TO CORPORATE TAKEOVER!

**\$165 M** 

The US energy company Lone Pine is challenging Quebec's 2011 ban on fracking for natural gas. Fracking, an oil and gas extraction technique causes groundwater contamination, air pollution, exposure to toxic chemicals, and even earthquakes. The case is still pending.

**\$1.9 B**  **VATTENFALL**

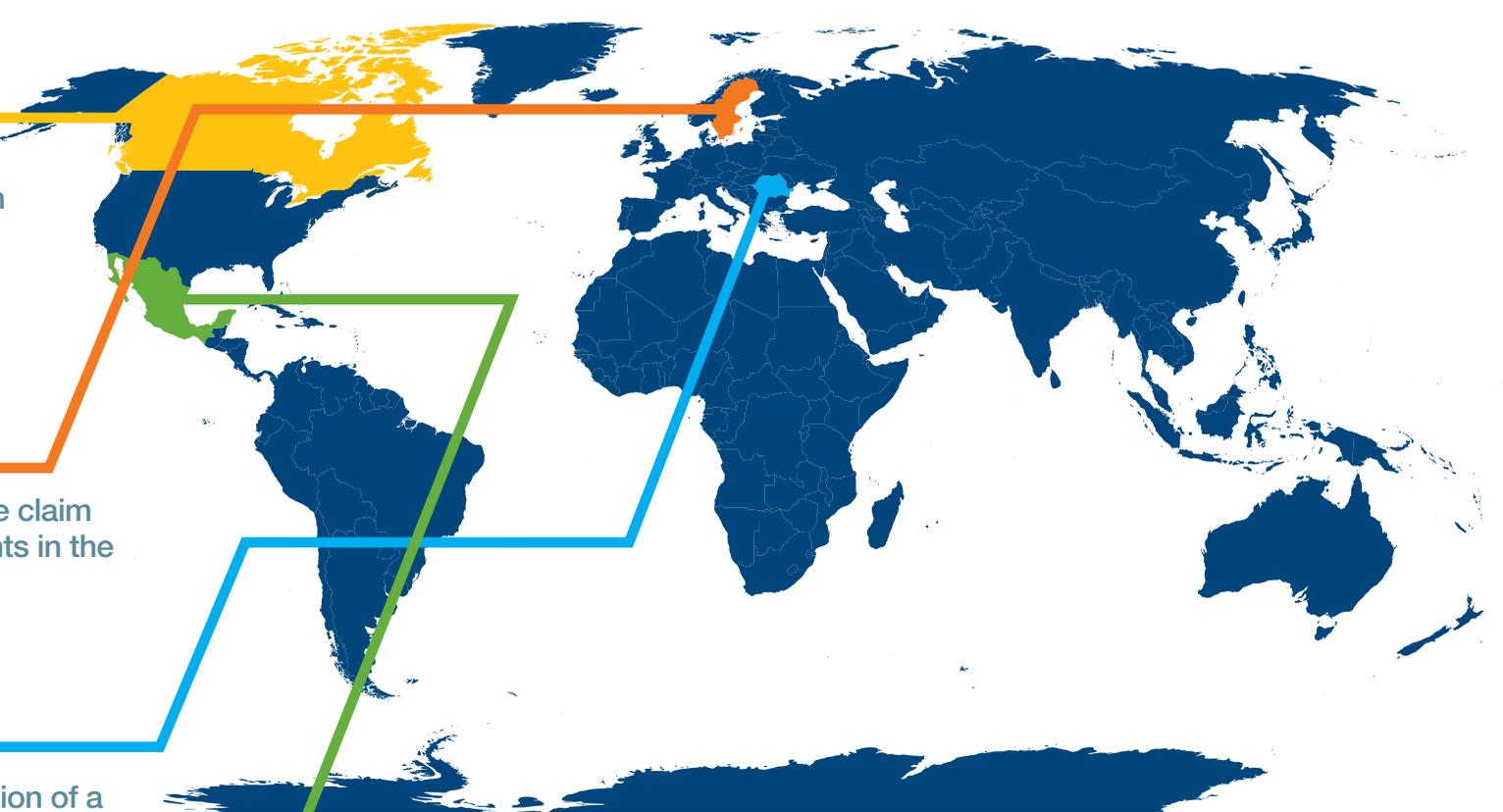
The Swedish energy firm Vattenfall launched a \$1.9b investor-state claim against Germany's decision to speed the phaseout of nuclear plants in the aftermath of the Fukushima tragedy. The case is still pending.

**\$4 B**  **GABRIEL**  
*Roşia Montană*

The locals of Roşia Montană successfully fended off the construction of a gold mine that would destroy 4 mountains, displace 2 villages, and poison their lake. The Canadian mining company Gabriel Resources retaliated by suing Romania for \$4b. The case is still pending.

**\$5.5 M**  **Tecmed**

When Mexico rejected Tecmed's application to renew its license to operate a landfill in the country due to its failure to comply with Mexico's environmental regulation, the Spanish-based company retaliated by filing a lawsuit against Mexico in an international tribunal and winning \$5.5 M (plus interest) for damages.



## FIGHT FOR THE ENVIRONMENT!



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