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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 JOBS



Steamrolling of labour standards that unions have won in behalf of the working class such as minimum wage, 8-hr workday, job security, and safety regulations that prevent the kind of tragedy that took place in Bangladesh in 2013 where more than 1000 sweatshop workers perished in a building collapse.



Greater competition among workers for a handful of employment opportunities, making it easier for capitalists to cut cost and extract more profits through labour flexibilization schemes, such as contractual work and reduced workdays.



Job losses as more and more industries and small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) are destroyed due to increased competition with big transnational corporations.



Massive lay-off of workers in the public sector due to privatisation of government-owned companies and corporations.



More workers forced to seek temporary jobs across borders – jobs that are often low-paying, demeaning, health and safety hazardous, and precarious.

# NO TO CORPORATE TAKEOVER!

**\$110 M** 

The French multinational corporation Veolia Propreté sued Egypt in 2012 demanding at least \$110m for raising the monthly minimum wage claiming a negative effect to profit on the company's investment.

**70 WORKERS** 

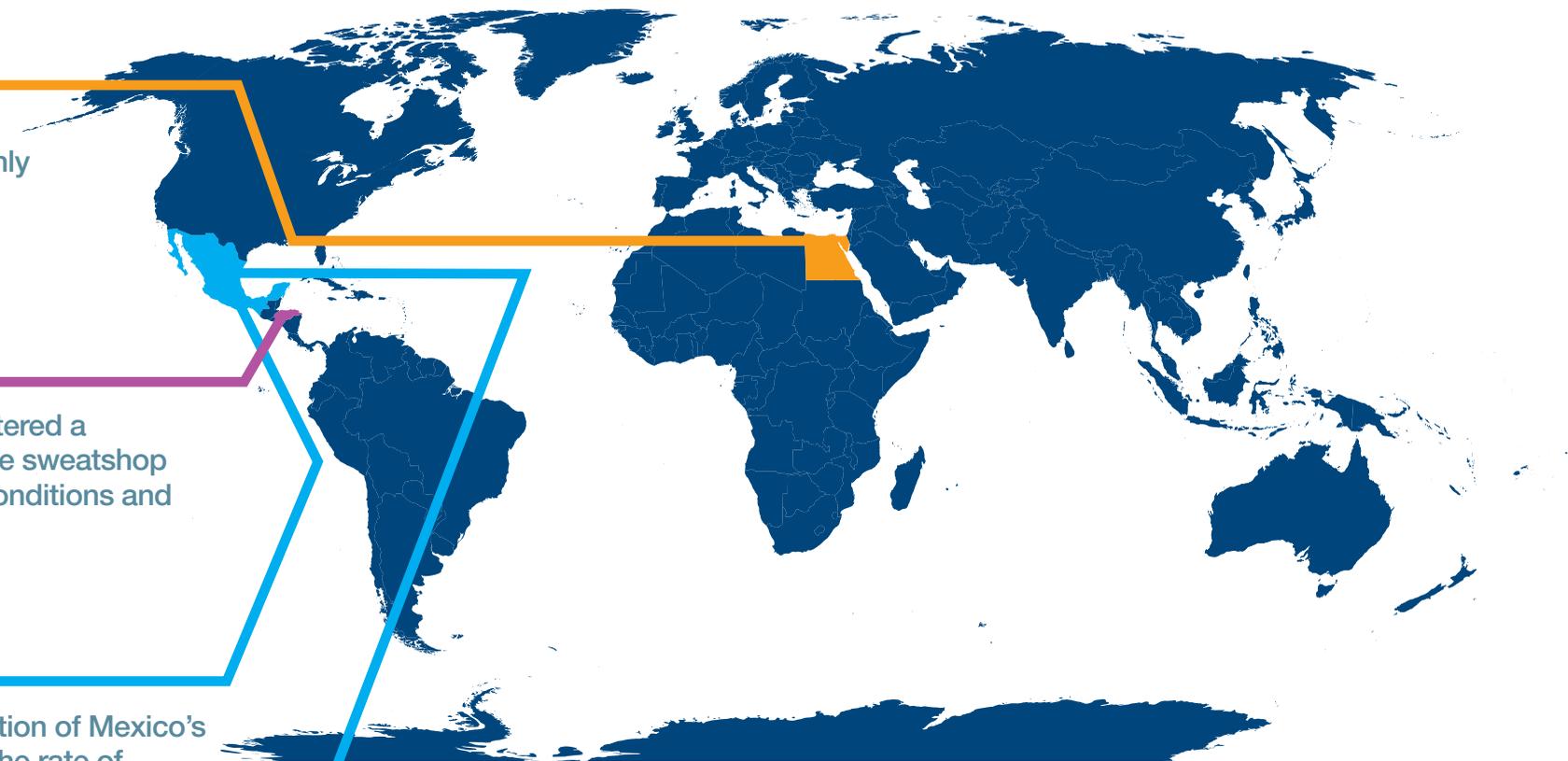
In Honduras, the Central American Free Trade Agreement fostered a climate against organised labour. In 2007, 70 workers of a Nike sweatshop factory were illegally fired for organising a union to improve conditions and end workers' rights violations.

**NAFTA** 

The North American Free Trade Agreement's (NAFTA) destruction of Mexico's manufacturing and agriculture contributed to the increase in the rate of migration of Mexicans to US and Canada. This created a large reserve of workers willing to accept low pay and work under harsh conditions.

**\$200 M**

Victims of work-related accidents and abuses in maquiladora plants in Mexico often have no access to justice and are left uncompensated. In contrast, under the North American Free Trade Agreement, foreign firms have claimed more than \$200m as payment for government laws and actions that hindered corporate profits.



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