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# FREE TRADE AGREEMENTS

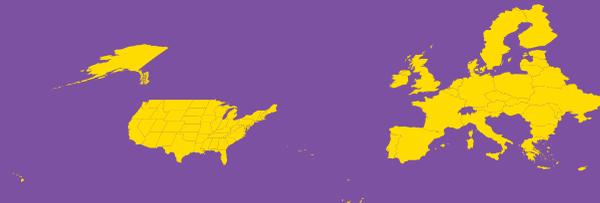
*New free trade and investment deals across regions are being negotiated that will have far-reaching implications for people in both the global North and South and for the future of the world economy. These deals often come under the rubric of “partnerships” but they are far from partnership of equals. 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 PUBLIC HEALTH



Public provision of healthcare such as public hospitals, insurance, childcare and nursing homes for the disabled and the aged will be targeted for privatisation, deregulation, outsourcing, and Public-Private-Partnerships (PPPs) by TNCs as new source of their mega-profits.



Big Pharmas through extended patent rights will capture the market for vital medicines and delay the access to affordable medicines for HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria patients, majority of whom are in the Third World.



Intellectual property commitments will be permanent and will prevent governments from implementing reforms such as winding back patent term extensions for life-saving medicines. Doing so will make them liable to dispute charges from Big Pharma in international investment tribunals.



The threat of legal action will create a “chilling effect” which can deter governments from acting in the public interest and interfere with the creation of measures to protect public health and safety.

# NO TO CORPORATE TAKEOVER!

**\$165 M** 

Chevron filed a case against Ecuador seeking to evade payment of a multi-billion dollar court ruling against the company for widespread pollution of the Amazon rainforest. The case is still pending.

**\$169.28 B**



The Mexican government imposed trade barriers to high fructose corn syrup, an ingredient linked to various fatal diseases. Corn Products International, ADM, and Cargill sued the government in separate dispute cases, resulting to Mexico paying the firms a total of \$169.28m.

## ANTI-SMOKING



Philip Morris is challenging Uruguay's anti-smoking measures such as graphic public health warning on packaging for tobacco products. The case is still pending.

**\$13 M** 

The US chemical company Ethyl Corporation filed a case against Canada over a ban on MMT, a toxic gasoline substance that contains manganese, a known human neurotoxin. The dispute was settled for \$13m in favour of the corporation and the ban reversed.



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