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## Speak out on Trade Justice

Stop Europe's unfair  
trade deals

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**The European Union is currently negotiating trade deals with countries in Africa, Asia and Latin America which will secure big profits for European companies at the expense of people and the environment.**

**If elected as a Member of the European Parliament in June 2009, I pledge to take action to help bring about a full-scale rethink of the EU's trade policy and to ensure that it prioritises development, gender, social and environmental justice and human rights objectives around the world, especially with regard to developing countries.**

### **I PLEDGE THAT IN MY ROLE AS MEMBER OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT I WILL:**

- Write to the Trade Commissioner and the President of the European Commission urging them to commit to a rethink of EU trade policy before the end of 2009, and consequently to immediately stop the implementation of the Global Europe strategy, including a moratorium on the conclusion of bilateral and regional free trade agreements.
- Demand a cross-committee investigation and stakeholder consultation process by the EU on the impacts of its trade policies on development, social, environmental, human and women's rights, in Europe and around the world, especially developing countries.
- In Autumn 2009, and during the life of the Parliament, actively participate in scrutiny of the new European Commission and its trade and development strategies, in particular those that impact on developing countries, to ensure that these strategies support and facilitate development objectives.
- Ensure that EU trade agreements do not hinder the regional development and integration of Europe's trade partners in the developing world, or negatively affect lives, livelihoods and the ability of governments in the developing world to decide their countries' economic futures.
- Sign a resolution in the European Parliament in support of a rethink of the EU's trade strategy and policies, advising a stop of the WTO's Doha Round and calling for a democratic reform of the international trading system.
- Demand an international assessment of the responsibility of trade and financial liberalisation in the global financial and economic meltdown, the global food crisis, and the climate crisis.