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NOT IN OUR NAME

An open letter to EU Trade Commissioner Peter Mandelson & the governments of the 25 EU member states

The World Trade Organisation (WTO) is fast approaching its deadline to agree a world trade deal. Over the past five years, millions of EU citizens have called for an outcome to the trade talks which puts the needs of developing countries and the environment first. You have responded to this call with the claim that the EU is pursuing a 'development agenda' at the WTO.

Yet the EU has pursued an anti-development agenda in the WTO trade talks. The EU has pressed aggressively for developing countries to open up their industrial and services markets, while refusing to make the necessary changes to stop the damage caused by its own agricultural subsidies regime. This agenda threatens to cause immense harm through increased poverty, job losses and environmental destruction across the world.

We, the undersigned European organisations, have consistently opposed this agenda. At this crucial stage in the WTO negotiations, we wish to make it known that you do not represent us in pursuing it any further. You do not act in our name.

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Afrika-Europa Network, Netherlands
AGEZ, Austria
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ATTAC Denmark
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ATTAC Germany
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BUNDjugend, Germany
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Movement – 11.11.11, Belgium
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CRBM, Italy
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Sydafrika Kontakt, Denmark
Tearfund, UK
Trade Justice Movement, UK
Tradewatch, Italy
Traidcraft, UK
Transnational Institute, Netherlands
UNISON, UK
Védegylet, Hungary
War on Want, UK
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Wemos, Netherlands
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World Development Movement, UK
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