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Linking Human Health and the Environment

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For the kind attention of
Giovanni LA VIA,
Chair, Committee on Environment, Public Health and Food Safety
Meeting documents - European Parliament

Reference:
Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership

The International Society of Doctors for the Environment (ISDE), having a recognized role of advocacy for health and environment worldwide, is alarmed for the news on the ongoing transatlantic agreements known as TTIP.

If the foretaste were confirmed, and the treaties announced were actually signed by the EU Parliament and the Governments of North American Countries, despite the widespread opposition of the involved populations, the preconditions are looming for an unprecedented disaster, at environmental, social and health care level.

From an environmental standpoint, with such agreements many rules would be weakened or threatened to be dismantled, which currently aim to protect people from the pollution stemming from the production and consumption of many industrial products, including especially food products.

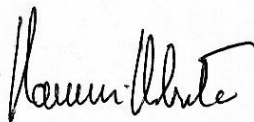
From the health standpoint, the implementation of those agreements would further increase the exposure of populations affected by pollution; thus, in the long run, morbidity and mortality rates of those illnesses increasingly recognized as related to pollution would rise.

From a social standpoint, the approval of those agreements would be a serious blow to democratic decision-making processes, which require transparency and participation, as well as to the sovereignty of both the EU member states and the North American Countries.

Therefore, ISDE strongly appeals to the European Parliament to stop immediately those negotiations with the Governments of Transatlantic Countries and to ultimately drop them, and to reject any further attempt of future lobbying in this area.

ISDE also asks the European Parliament to improve and strengthen the existing rules and regulations in this area, and make them more strict, rather than worse..

Please receive my best regards,
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