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TITLE/ TÍTULO/ TITRE:	Resolution on progressive global trade policies of the 21st century
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1 Today we are facing an unbalanced global free trade which is benefiting mostly the northern
2 countries at the cost of the structural and social development of the countries in the global
3 south. A crucial element to obtain a more fair and equal global society is respect for global
4 working rights and our (inter)national trade unions. Institutions such as the WTO show a
5 disproportional weight of the traditional western countries in disrespect of the global south. We
6 want to transform our economic system in a progressive direction and demand a new
7 generation of global trade agreements where we promote a new and fair global trade agenda.
8 Therefore, IUSY calls upon a reform of the WTO and for a global trade policy that respects our
9 planet and its precious resources.

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11 We are in favor of fair trade: trade that is beneficial to societies and workers all around the
12 globe which is more balanced between northern and southern countries. More equal access to
13 trade for developing countries and a reform of the current European agricultural policy is
14 therefore crucial just as investments in sustainable sectors and technologies.

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16 The social cost of today's unfair global trade is visible in many violations of basic human and
17 workers' rights as well as the unequal use of natural resources. Today we see the destructive
18 effects on our environment and climate where actions taken in the northern hemisphere are
19 mostly impacting countries in the south. It is therefore crucial that the richest and developed
20 countries take up their responsibility and deliver the financial support in climate finance for
21 developing countries for actions on climate change adaptation and mitigation, they promised
22 during the 2016 Paris Agreement.

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24 For too long, global trade policies have been working in the interest of powerful and influential
25 multinationals at the cost of our welfare states and our environment. While the official line is
26 that it will create jobs and increase economic growth, we see an ongoing rise in global
27 inequality.

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29 Trade policies of the 21st century should be at the interest of our welfare state and in favor of
30 the protection of the environment and not to corporate and particular interests. Its goals should
31 be more balanced: we should include global agreements on the fight against tax evasion, the
32 reinforcement of regulations for the financial sector and the enhancement of social and
33 environmental standards.

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35 Future trade agreements should put environmental and consumer protection at the centre of its
36 focus while protecting workers' rights worldwide. Current trade agreements are imposing a
37 social "race to the bottom" where there is a tendency to less security and more flexibility at the
38 cost of labour conditions and the environment.

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40 We can no longer ignore the disastrous impact of neoliberal trade policies on the environment.
41 There is a huge hypocrisy in declaring the urgency of tackling climate change on the one hand,
42 and agreeing to trade deals that will raise gas emissions. Trade agreements should be
43 evaluated according to their impact on the environment as well as on social rights, before they
44 are implemented. Climate finance for developing countries is therefore crucial.



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46 It is also clear we need more transparency, public discussion and a broader consultation. By
47 opening up the discussion on important trade treaties to the general public we should also
48 involve social movements and trade unions instead of leaving it to the multinationals and
49 international banks to discuss it for us, as we have seen recently with the TTIP and CETA
50 negotiations.
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52 The resistance from the left in Europe towards trade deals such as CETA or TTIP has nothing to
53 do with the protectionism of Trump. We are not against global trade, but we do fight against
54 the undermining of the rule of law and the attacks against the hard fought social and
55 environmental progress we made. The globalization of trade policies should again work in favor
56 of everyone, north and south, not only for particular interests. The discussion is not to be pro or
57 contra free trade, nobody is waiting for countries that literally build walls round their economy.
58 The resistance is about democracy, about the interests of civil society that need to prevail and
59 deserves protection of our governments.

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