

Dear colleagues members of the « Rights for people, Rules for corporations - Stop ISDS campaign »,

We are trade campaigners from Philippines, Indonesia, and Malaysia who are pushing back against a new generation of free trade agreements like RCEP and EU FTAs in our respective countries. We stand in solidarity with fellow activists in Europe resisting the corporate agenda underpinning negotiations for comprehensive trade and investment agreements.

We want to let you know we appreciate your efforts to reject the EU-Singapore investment agreement.

If implemented, this treaty will have severe impact on all our countries. We fear that the EUSIPA will:

- increase the already unacceptable number of cases where corporations and their investors sue states solely for passing laws that promote health, the environment, and labor standards – on the ground that such laws reduce the expected profits of the corporation!
- lead to our States having to pay billions of euros to the investors in those cases where damages are awarded to investors and their corporations and millions to lawyers and arbitrators. Hard earned tax revenues which are needed to cover for essential services such as health and education.
- be used as a template in other EU investment treaties with our countries. The governments of the Philippines, Indonesia and Malaysia will find it much harder to get a different agreement if the one with Singapore is approved.
- undermine our campaigning efforts for a termination of ISDS in current negotiations and a withdrawal from old treaties.

It is extremely crucial then that the ISDS provision in the EU-Singapore FTA be rejected completely. We don't have a chance to stop this treaty in Singapore. We count on you to make a last push together to get a NO vote in the European Parliament.

signed

EU-ASEAN FTA Campaign Network

Indonesia for Global Justice (IGJ)

Kesatuan Nelayan Tradisional Indonesia (KNTI)

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Koalisi Rakyat untuk Keadilan Perikanan (KIARA)

Wahana Lingkungan Hidup Indonesia (WALHI)

Konfederasi Serikat Buruh Sejahtera Indonesia (KSBSI)

Koalisi Rakyat untuk Hak Atas Air (KRuHA)

Kesatuan Perjuangan Rakyat (KPR)

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