

Joint Declaration

G4 process is undemocratic, No WTO deal in Potsdam!

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Trade ministers of the G4 countries (the European Union, the United States, Brazil and India) are meeting in Potsdam, Germany, this week try to stitch together a trade deal to which each of them could agree.

WTO tradition indicates that if they are successful, they will attempt to present this deal as a fait accompli that other countries must accept if the multilateral trading system is to survive. In practice, this would mean that many smaller developing countries (the majority of the WTO's members), that have been excluded from these negotiations, could be forced into accepting a deal that could wreak havoc on their economies and the environment and undermine their democracies. In particular, the livelihoods of millions of farmers worldwide are at stake.

Such a process would be totally untransparent and undemocratic. We demand an immediate stop to the G4 meeting and the start of an open and transparent assessment of the impacts of WTO Agreements on people's livelihoods and the environment.

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Africa Europe Faith and Justice Network (International Organization)

Alliance of Progressive Labor, Philippines

Andean Coordination of Indigenous Organizations, Latin America

Arab NGO Network for Development (ANND), Lebanon

ATTAC Austria

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ATTAC Sweden

ATTAC Switzerland

Austrian Community of Interest for Emancipatory Global Education, Austria

Blue Planet Project, Canada

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Brazilian Network for the Integration of Peoples (REBRIP), Brazil

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Caribbean Assembly of Peoples, Caribbean

Center for Human Rights in Tepeyac, Istmo de Tehuantepec, Mexico

Center for Encounter and Active Non-Violence, Austria

Centre for Indigenous Peoples of Indus, Pakistan

Consumer Rights Forum, Pakistan

Consumers Association of Penang, Malaysia

Ecologists in Action, Spain

Economic Justice and Development Organization, Pakistan

Focus on the Global South (International Organization)

Foundation for Gaia, UK

Friends of the Earth International (International Organization)

Friends of the Earth Australia

Friends of the Earth England, Wales and Northern Ireland

Friends of the Earth Malaysia

Global Forest Coalition (International Organization)

Global Women March, Peru

Global Network Asia (trade union and NGO alliance on globalization).

Greenpeace (International Organization)

Group on Gender and Economy, Peru

Hemispheric Social Alliance, Latin America

Holistic Understanding for Justified Research and Action, Pakistan

Humanitarian Group for Social Development, Lebanon

In Service of Peace and Justice, Paraguay

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