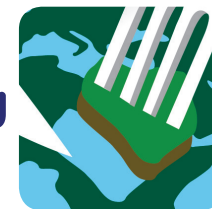


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## “Because of unfair trading conditions...Africans are being squeezed”

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Many developing countries are rich in raw materials, such as copper, gold, and diamonds. For years developing countries have exported raw materials unprocessed, making very little money out of their abundant natural resources. Now, many of them want to do it differently.

The EU's new trade policy on raw materials, however, will prevent developing countries from exercising control over their natural resources. The EU wants to stop developing countries putting taxes on the export of raw materials and regulating

foreign investment.

Taxing raw material exports ensures that developing countries make money out of their natural resources, and investment regulation can help develop new industries and protect labour and environmental rights. Developing countries should be allowed to use both measures.

Comhlámh is campaigning for fair trading rules that allow developing countries to make their own economic choices for the benefit of their people and the planet.

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Stop the European Union  
helping itself to developing  
countries' raw materials



Dear: \_\_\_\_\_ MEP

Many of the world's poorest countries are rich in valuable raw materials that, if managed well, can help create jobs, develop businesses and raise vital income.

But the European Union is actively pushing trade and investment policies on poor countries that will deny them the right to choose economic policies that would ensure their raw materials are used to benefit their people and safeguard the environment.

**Please ask the European Commission to:**

**Withdraw demands from all trade negotiations that would prevent poor countries using export taxes to protect their raw materials and raise revenue.**

**Transform its position on investment to allow developing countries to regulate foreign investment and companies in the public interest.**

**Call for an international process to address how to manage raw materials in a fair and sustainable way and promote responsible consumption.**

Yours sincerely,

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## Raw Deal - EU's trade policy

The EU's trade policy on raw materials is undermining the effort of the world's poorest countries to develop their economies and eradicate poverty.

The EU is pushing developing countries to sign unfair trade and investment agreements in order to secure cheap access to raw materials for European industry. This 'resource grab' is preventing developing countries from managing their natural resources in

order to lift millions out of poverty.

Instead the EU should promote and practice fair global trade rules that protect developing countries' right to:

- **Manage their natural resources for the benefit of their people, the environment and for economic development**
- **Regulate foreign investment in the public interest**

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and help put a responsible approach to raw materials at the heart of EU trade and investment policy.

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