

Canadian PM Justin Trudeau expressed “disappointment” at Joe Biden's decision to cancel the Keystone XL oil pipeline

BBC News: ‘Trudeau conveys Keystone pipeline 'disappointment' to Biden’: <https://www.bbc.com/news/world-us-canada-55773243>

Proponents of the proposed special arbitration mechanism (ICS) designed for Canadian companies to sue the EU and EU member states outside our existing legal system which is contained in the EU-Canada trade deal (CETA), say that Canada shares out values. The evidence shows the Canadian government supports mining, mountain top removal and tar sands oil and that Canada is home to half the world’s mining companies.

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In 2016, [Laurens Ankersmit](#) a lawyer with [ClientEarth](#), an organisation of activist environmental lawyers, explained how when President Obama attempted to stop the Keystone XL oil pipeline, the company involved threatened to sue the USA through the investor court of the NAFTA trade deal. Ankersmit explains here how the old ISDS in the NAFTA is similar to the ICS in CETA:

“Energy company TransCanada is using the investment dispute settlement mechanism in its trade agreement with the US, to sue the American government over President Obama’s decision to cancel the Keystone XL tar sands pipeline for environmental reasons. Similar provisions exist in TTIP and CETA, the EU’s trade deals with the US and Canada [...] meaning the bloc could be at risk of similar lawsuits.” Read the full article here: <https://www.euractiv.com/section/trade-society/opinion/keystone-isds-lawsuit-highlights-legal-risks-of-eu-trade-deals/>

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Council of Canadians: ‘ICS 'Reform' In CETA Would Still Allow Worst NAFTA Chapter 11 Challenges’: <https://canadians.org/analysis/ics-reform-ceta-would-still-allow-worst-nafta-chapter-11-challenges>

Transnational Institute: ‘Oil Corporations vs Climate: The Keystone XL Case; How investors use trade agreements to undermine climate action’: <https://www.tni.org/en/publication/oil-corporations-vs-climate-the-keystone-xl-case>

Canada Home To Half World’s Mining Companies

“Canada is home to almost half the world’s publicly listed mining and exploration companies [...]. Canadian mining operations are present in more than 100 nations, according to government statistics.” See: <https://www.csmonitor.com/World/Americas/2019/0409/When-mining-companies-work-abroad-should-justice-follow-them-home#:~:text=Canada%20is%20home%20to%20almost,nations%2C%20according%20to%20government%20statistics>.