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Dear Messrs/Madames,

Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) Agreement negotiations

As a member of that body, the public, that stands to lose most for the financial gain of relatively few, I call on you to respect those who have entrusted you to serve their democratic interests rather than the corporate interests of chiefly fictitious persons.

Placing public interest over private profit entails prioritising over financial gain, deregulation, and corporate interests such matters as public health and caution toward anything potentially threatening it; human rights and democratic freedoms; and the means to those ends: genuine consultation, transparency, and real accountability.

Inherent, therefore, in the call above are:

- that you do all in your power to obtain and publish genuine public input from all countries directly entering into these negotiations;
- that you state your positions and the reasons for them, particularly for those positions that may reasonably be regarded as likely to offend or oppose your national constituencies' wishes (e.g. for utter transparency as to the GM content of all foods);
- that you require and enforce genuine disincentives to violate such fundamental values as informed consent to food and medical choices; the ability to enact, reform, and enforce public-health and public-safety legislation scientifically proven to be in the public interest; the protection of the electronic and geophysical commons, namely the Internet, air, water, and soil; and fundamental human rights; and
- that you take the precautionary approach to protecting present and future generations and the broader ecosphere from dangers, unforeseen or unacknowledged, in experimental technologies.

You have been entrusted to represent your constituencies' interests rather than the interests of those with resources to burn. I call on you to understand and abide by that trust.

Yours faithfully,

John Harvey