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Subject: Social safeguards and CETA

The CETA agreement provides for the establishment of private arbitration courts to ensure that investors can invest safely. Such a mechanism, by overriding the national courts, will result in a reduction in Member States' rights to make laws on their own territory. However, certain ILO standards concerning the protection of workers have still not been ratified by Canada, and the defence of social rights, far from benefiting from such safeguards, remains the responsibility of the Member States. The impact of such an agreement on the fragile economies of the countries of southern Europe could be disastrous.

What solutions will the Commission provide when the social situation in Europe deteriorates?

When the Member States find themselves alone in the face of the social impact of this free trade agreement, does the Commission not fear that a major political crisis will come in the wake of a further worsening of the social crisis?