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## COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC AND TRADE AGREEMENT (CETA)

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### Standards and values in CETA

A progressive agreement for sustainable development



CETA is a progressive trade agreement. It has some of the strongest commitments ever included in a trade deal to promote labour rights, environmental protection and sustainable development. CETA integrates the

EU's and Canada's commitments to apply international rules on workers' rights, environmental protection and climate action. And these obligations are binding, with the same legal value as any other provision



#### Labour rights

CETA commits the EU and Canada to ratifying and effectively implementing the fundamental conventions of the International Labour Organization (ILO).



#### Forests, fisheries, aquaculture

CETA includes commitments on the sustainable management of forests, fisheries and aquaculture.



#### Cooperation on sustainable development

In CETA the EU and Canada also pledge to:

- cooperate on trade-related environmental and labour rights issues
- effectively implement all ratified Multilateral Environmental Agreements, which would now include the Paris climate accord

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### **Other initiatives**

The EU and Canada have also agreed to promote initiatives focused on:

- corporate social responsibility and accountability
- eco-labelling
- fair trade
- energy efficiency and the use of climate-friendly technologies
- recycling
- environmentally-friendly goods and services



### **No race to the bottom**

In CETA both sides also agree that more trade and investment should not be at the expense of environmental protection and labour rights.

On the contrary, the EU and Canada are committed to ensuring that CETA helps ensure that economic growth, social development, and environmental protection go hand in hand.



### **Enforcement and a role for civil society**

CETA gives a strong role to EU and Canadian civil society groups in implementing the commitments made in the agreement.

These commitments are enforceable, with a fully transparent, mandatory, time-bound procedure for resolving concerns that involves:

- governments
- an independent panel of experts
- civil society
- the International Labour Organization.

And the agreement includes an open review clause. This allows both sides to:

- examine how effectively they're putting their pledges into practice
- revisit the way they enforce their implementation, if need be.