

## Draft Resolution

1 *Tabled by LMP – Hungary*

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## 4 **The EGP opposes CETA**

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### 7 **Introduction**

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9 The European Green Party's position paper on the planned Transatlantic Trade and Investment  
10 Partnership (TTIP) states that the agreement is based on unrealistic economic promises, constitutes an  
11 assault on democracy and weakens EU standards. Therefore the position paper declares that it is the  
12 European Greens' goal to defeat this TTIP agenda. This position paper, however, only mentions that the  
13 Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) between the European Union and Canada, like  
14 TTIP, undermines multilateralism. This resolution aims to make European Greens' opposition to CETA  
15 clear, which are based on the similar reasons of secretive negotiations, an antidemocratic investor-state  
16 dispute settlement, the watering down of EU standards and economic gains for corporations and not for  
17 people.

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### 20 **Resolution**

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22 The Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) between the European Union and Canada  
23 has been negotiated, and is now awaiting ratification by national parliaments. CETA is one in a number of  
24 new generation trade agreements that concern themselves not only with tariffs, but also with regulations  
25 and regulatory powers.

26 1. As a result of the secretive manner in which CETA was negotiated, the agreement's full official  
27 text was only shown to the European populace once it was completed. European Greens believe  
28 this secrecy undercuts democratic values.

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30 2. The secretive document contains a chapter on Investor-State Dispute Settlement (ISDS), which  
31 allows for corporations to sue states should their regulations be deemed to cause a loss of profit.  
32 The European Greens believe that this form of private justice is contrary to democracy and to the  
33 principle of equality under law. Therefore, we demand that no agreement containing ISDS is  
34 ratified, and that no other agreements containing ISDS are negotiated.

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36 3. Moreover, the European Greens believe that CETA does not serve the interest of the European  
37 people: It is aimed at watering down environmental regulations, labour rights and equality under  
38 law, instead prioritising corporate interests. Even though we believe that trade with Canada can  
39 be beneficial to Europe, we think that these benefits should not be detrimental to communities'  
40 capacity to control regulations affecting everyday-life, or to Canadian and European efforts to  
41 addressing the climate crisis.

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43 4. Therefore, the European Green Party opposes CETA and believes that the agreement should  
44 never come into force. Consequently the European Green Party calls on all Green members of  
45 parliaments and members of the European Parliament to vote against this agreement.