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Dear Honourable Committee Members

I am deeply disturbed by the current trend of treaties such as the GATT, MAI, and others promulgated by the WTO and affiliated organisations. These are having the effect of placing unaccountable executives and supra-national organisations in a position of power over and above the elected governments of democratic countries. This clearly means that perceived national interest and desired social or environmental protections can be over-ruled. I find this unconscionable, and i am impressed by overwhelming evidence that 3rd world, predominantly Southern, populations are being sacrificed to the comfort of the "developed" world.

There are many many reasons to say no to the surrender of national sovereignty to supra-national government by unelected bureaucrats whose interests generally can be expected to coincide with those of trans-national corporations. I am sure you have received a great many submissions going into those reasons in great detail and I do not think it worth enumerating them further. I do wish to express my strong support for those individuals and organisations proclaiming that globalisation is far from a natural and necessary progression in human society. I believe it is something more akin to a cancer and a curse.

yours sincerely

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