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Directorate-General for Trade  
European Commission  
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**Attention: Cecilia Malmström, Commissioner**

Good afternoon:

**Re: The Canada-European Union Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement**

This is to advise I've been a Canadian lawyer for 29 years, now retired; who commenced a project three weeks ago to assist the indigenous peoples of this country (the First Nations Coalition [\[Link\]](#)).

Germane to the first step of the analysis are the following:

Where is Canada on the wealthiest in the world list? One source [\[Link\]](#) says this:

“The US has a median wealth of \$61,667 per adult, which puts the country at number 18, well behind others, including Ireland

(\$72,473), Taiwan (\$78,177), and Korea (\$65,463). Canada, on the other hand, comes in at number six, with an average wealth of \$106,342 per adult.”

Another way to look at it is by comparing GDP. This source [\[Link\]](#) states:

“Germany, Canada, France, the UK and Japan are the closest to the top 10 coming in at 15th, 18th, 19th, 20th and 23rd respectively, according to our forecasts for 2019 GDP per capita.”

It was reported in an October 2017 news article [\[Link\]](#) about aboriginal poverty that "over 80% of reserves have median income below the poverty line"; and that "Indigenous Peoples were almost as disadvantaged as in 2006 as they were 25 years earlier in 1981".

A respected Canadian academic institute reported in May 2016 [\[Link\]](#) “The worst poverty is experienced by status First Nation children, 51% of whom live in poverty, rising to 60% for children on reserve. Child poverty rates on-reserve worsened between 2005 and 2010”. The study is entitled *Shameful Neglect, Indigenous Child Poverty in Canada*.

The federal government department Statistics Canada reports [\[Link\]](#) that “the proportion of Aboriginal admissions to adult custody has been trending upwards for over 10 years”; and that “Aboriginal youth accounted for 46% of admissions to correctional services in 2016/2017, while representing 8% of the Canadian youth population”.

Another reliable source [\[Link\]](#) published these findings:

“First Nations reports indicate higher rates of emotional and physical abuse of family members, especially of children and elders. Communities with higher than average percentages of drug addiction

and chemical dependency have higher incidences of suicide, violent crimes, illegal activity and other forms of abuse (AFN, 2011). Other First Nations communities have reported epidemics of from 43% (Chiefs of Ontario, 2010) to as high as 85% (Health Canada, 2011) of the communities' population addicted to opiates.”

A social justice group reported last year [[Link](#)] that “Nearly five million people in Canada - that’s one out of every seven individuals - currently live in poverty”. Plus, “1.3 million children live in conditions of poverty (that’s 1 in 5)”.

The foregoing are a direct result of what is estimated to be over \$10 trillion in prosperity theft as that term is understood in the context of the United Nations *Convention on Corruption*. In its Preamble is stated:

“*Concerned* further about cases of corruption that involve vast quantities of assets, which may constitute a substantial proportion of the resources of States”

and

“*Convinced* that the illicit acquisition of personal wealth can be particularly damaging to ... national economies”

and

“*Determined* to prevent, detect and deter in a more effective manner international transfers of illicitly acquired assets and to strengthen international cooperation in asset recovery”

Canada may appear on the outside to be a mature, mostly functioning democracy with a free market economy and a strong rule of law culture. However, that is an image which stands in stark contrast to reality. I spent

from 2004 to 2010 conducting penetrating research into the most non-transparency constituents of governance; where I discovered egregious policies and practices that deny millions of this country's citizens of their basic human rights.

The foregoing is to be understood when considering the impact of CETA. The Canadian Government says this about it [[Link](#)]:

“The Canada-European Union Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) is helping to create jobs, strengthening economic relations and boosting Canada's trade with the world's second-largest market. CETA is a progressive free trade agreement which covers virtually all sectors and aspects of Canada-EU trade in order to eliminate or reduce barriers. For example, prior to CETA's entry into force, only 25 percent of EU tariff lines on Canadian goods were duty-free. With CETA, 98 percent of EU tariff lines are now duty-free for Canadian goods. Once CETA is fully implemented, the EU will have eliminated tariffs on 99 percent of its tariff lines.”

While middle class interests will be in some meaningful but small way assisted, the primary benefits, advantages and opportunities will flow to the mega-wealthy and directly contribute to even more prosperity theft. Therefore, there must be consideration given to this consequence before the trade agreement is “fully implemented”. Otherwise, the EC will be directly contributing to the systemic plundering of Canada's wealth.

Find attached a 6-page condensation of my findings (and here's the [Link](#) to it).

I conclude with this statement [[Link](#)]:

“The European Union is based on a strong commitment to promoting and protecting human rights, democracy and the rule of law

worldwide. Human rights are at the heart of EU relations with other countries and regions.”

I look forward to discussing this matter with you or one of your colleagues within the next couple of weeks. If you have or s/he has any questions or seek elucidation, don't hesitate to contact me.

Kindly acknowledge receipt of this email to confirm delivery.

Regards,

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