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# Canada / EU: CETA violated rights of indigenous communities

**Indigenous Communities**

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**USPA NEWS -** When this agreement is signed, the EU countries are responsible for the fate of the indigenous communities in Canada. You must then also have to say that they benefit from a massive environmental destruction.

Shortly before the start of proceedings on the enforcement of the Canada-European Free Trade Treaty CETA (Comprehensive Economic and Free Trade Agreement) makes next Friday in Brussels the Society for Threatened Peoples (STP) advised that violated by the envisaged agreement rights of indigenous communities in Canada will. The GfbV expert for indigenous peoples warned on Thursday in Göttingen: "Trade facilitation should not come at the expense of Canada's native people. The First Nations, Inuit and Métis protesting bitterly against large-scale destruction of their traditional land and water pollution caused by the massive exploitation of natural resources such as petroleum.

Nevertheless CETA will also regulate oil exports. When this agreement is signed, the EU countries are responsible for the fate of the indigenous communities in Canada. You must then also have to say that they benefit from a massive environmental degradation. "

The EU had indeed expressed in the negotiations on CETA objections to the import of oil from tar sands, but they withdrew after Canada had threatened even under Prime Minister Stephen Harper with damages actions for discrimination. In Brussels now want representatives of European governments with the EU Commission to discuss how they adopt the CETA agreement in October without fuss and then quickly apply.

Mehr als eine Million Barrel Benzin und Diesel könnten von Ende dieses Jahrzehnts an von Kanadas Ostküste aus täglich nach Europa verschifft werden. Das Öl aus Albertas Teersandfeldern soll mit der Energy-East-Line-Pipeline über 4.600 Kilometer an die Küste transportiert und dort raffiniert werden. Die Pipeline wird über das Land zahlreicher indigener Gemeinden führen, die allesamt das Projekt ablehnen. Sie fürchten u.a., dass Lecks in der Pipeline über eine so lange Strecke nicht schnell genug aufgespürt werden und die Natur vergiftet wird.

“žDie im Oktober 2015 gewählte Regierung unter Justin Trudeau hat sich den Umwelt- und Klimaschutz ausdrücklich auf die Fahnen geschrieben. Die Rechte der rund 1,4 Millionen Angehörigen der First Nations, Inuit und Métis will sie achten“, erinnerte Bangert. “žJetzt muss die EU sie beim Wort nehmen und das Freihandelsabkommen, das mit der Vorgängerregierung ausgehandelt wurde, wenigstens im Detail und zugunsten der Ureinwohner nachbessern. Denn die EU muss bei ihrer Leitlinie bleiben, internationale Abkommen nur mit Partnern zu unterschreiben, die die Menschenrechte ihrer Minderheiten respektieren.“

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