

Anti-CETA

Council Notes: That section 3 ii of the NUIGSU Constitution states that a fundamental objective of the SU is “To act as the recognised representative body for registered students within the University and to represent their interests”.

Council Also Notes: That the proposed EU-Canada Comprehensive and Economic Trade Agreement (CETA) contains an Investor Court System (ICS), where multinational corporations can bypass domestic courts and seek financial compensation from the State for perceived breaches in investment protection standards.

Council Further Notes: That this threat of litigation is likely to create a ‘regulatory chill effect’ where the state will resist the introduction of public policy measures which could damage investors’ profits e.g. an increase in the minimum wage, rent controls, and strengthened environmental standards.

Council Believes: That the state should not prioritise the interests of corporations over the public interest, i.e. the interests of NUIGSU members.

Therefore, Council Mandates: That the NUIGSU campaign against the government’s efforts to ratify the EU-Canada Comprehensive and Economic Trade Agreement.