

Request to MP

Mass Lobby for Trade Justice

What are we calling for?

Ahead of the World Trade Organisation talks in Hong Kong in December, the Trade Justice Movement and **MAKEPOVERTYHISTORY** coalitions call on the UK Government and its partners in the European Union to:

- stop pushing poor countries to open their economies through world trade talks
- respect poor countries' right to decide on trade policies that will help them end poverty, respect workers' rights and protect their environment.

In particular we ask the Government to use its influence within the EU to:

- allow developing countries to shape trade policies that protect vulnerable farm sectors and promote national industries
- allow countries to choose the best policies for poor people and the environment in services such as water, health and education.

Please take the following two actions for trade justice:

- 1) Sign the trade justice Early Day Motion 679 'Making Poverty History through Trade Justice'.
- 2) Write to Alan Johnson, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, asking him what the Government will do to respond to the concerns raised above. In particular, given that the UK Government has said it will not force poor countries to open their economies, please ask Alan Johnson to specify what changes he is calling for in the EU's negotiating position at the WTO.

The Trade Justice Movement is a coalition of over 70 UK organisations including campaign groups, trade unions, student groups, faith groups and environmental organisations. The Trade Justice Movement is a founding member of the **MAKEPOVERTYHISTORY** coalition of over 530 UK organisations. We have come together to make the most of the unprecedented opportunities for change offered in 2005.

This mass lobby has been organised by the Trade Justice Movement working in partnership with The Co-operative Bank.

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