



Dear Commissioner-designate Hogan,

I regret to inform you that after a thorough discussion among us Green INTA members about the Hearing yesterday, we are not be able to endorse your nomination at this point.

Here below are our main reasons for this decision:

1) *Climate:* The hearing of Commissioner-Designate Hogan has demonstrated that he does not have the necessary level of ambition that would make trade policy part and parcel of the EU's climate objectives. We expect EU leadership in this field to ensure all trade agreements are socially just and climate-proof, throughout their relevant provisions, including market access commitments and safeguards. We expect concrete proposals, alongside the Carbon Border Adjustment Tax, to put SDGs at the heart of trade policy, in keeping with the Green New Deal promoted by President Von der Leyen.

2) *Due Diligence:* The Commissioner-Designate has not indicated any strong commitment on initiatives in the field of due diligence for companies, despite the present challenge and the many strong signals coming from the European Parliament and the Member States. We expect that as a commissioner for trade, he will play a key role in ensuring the Commission starts swiftly its work on a horizontal sustainability due diligence proposal, for which the Commission services have already done substantial groundwork. Sectorial initiatives should complement this approach especially in pressing areas such as forest risk commodities and the garment sector.

3) *Enforcement:* Enforcing the “Trade and Sustainable Development” Chapters of trade agreements will need much more concrete and ambitious action than that which was presented during the hearing, which very much reflected the status quo.

4) *Investment Protection:* Though Phil Hogan’s honesty in stating that he has yet to study the details of this part of his portfolio has been positively noted by us, it needs to be underlined that the reform of the investment protection system has been one of the major public contestations on trade issues in the last five years.

I appreciate the frank way in which we were able to communicate and I hope that these issues will be addressed by the future Commission and that this will open up new possibilities for close and sincere cooperation.

Yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Heidi Hautala". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Heidi Hautala