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Hi Everyone,

FIPA is the free trade agreement Canada will have in a few short days if we keep quiet. It may even be unconstitutional (more below), it is certainly a win for China but not for us. (Most all government contacts who are involved in this are below)

This article in the Huffington Post: http://www.huffingtonpost.ca/2012/10/17/canada-china-fipa-critics-flawed_n_1975149.html?utm_hp_ref=canada-business had this to say about FIPA:

"The proposed \$15-billion acquisition of Calgary-based energy company Nexen Inc. (TSX:NXY) by a Chinese state oil firm is triple the current total investments by Canadian firms in the communist country, and Nexen is "just the edge of the wave" of what is coming, he said.

Van Harten notes that Canada has already been forced to pay about \$160 million in compensation to foreign firms for government policies considered to have broken trade rules under NAFTA. The risks are even greater with a FIPA deal with China, a country he says has already shown itself to be litigious.

"You can support FIPAs to support Canadian investors, but this puts us in the sitting duck position because only investors can sue the government, governments cannot sue the investors," he points out.

"This is exactly what China wants if their aim is to acquire major ownership of Canada's resources ... and move them out and be processed in China."

And in this article: www.vancouverobserver.com/sustainability/chinese-companies-can-sue-bc-changing-course-northern-gateway-says-policy-expert this was said:

"This treaty, in effect, will pre-empt important elements of the debate of the Northern Gateway pipeline and may frustrate in a very significant way the ability of the current BC government or any future government—if the NDP were to win in spring—from stopping that pipeline or bargaining a better deal for BC," said **Gus Van Harten**, an Osgoode Law professor who [specializes in international investment law](#). "

"If this treaty comes into effect, and there's any Chinese ownership whatsoever in assets related to this pipeline—minority ownership, ownership we generally don't know about—then Canada will be exposed to lawsuits under this treaty, because the BC government will be discriminating against a Chinese investor, which is prohibited by the treaty"

The agreement may even be unconstitutional:

<http://www.vancouverobserver.com/sustainability/chinese-companies-can-sue-bc-changing-course-northern-gateway-says-policy-expert>

Does the sound like a good deal to anyone in Canada? Isn't Harper and his cronies selling out our sovereignty? Deja vu, no?

Regardless of where you all stand on this, shouldn't at minimal, a little discussion happen before signing this 31 year agreement?

This is the list of the conservative MPs on the Standing Committee on International Trade I hope you all contact and let then know what you think, are you for or against:

(You can copy paste the whole works of them for one quick note that you think they are doing a good job, or like me, I asked them if they were nuts... come to think of it, I should have asked them if they were communists as well. Oh well, they're receiving this email too, I hope they let me know where they stand, for Canada, or China!)

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