

A draft motion on a US-UK trade deal

This *[insert type of organisation / body]* **notes:**

1. Negotiations for a US-UK trade deal are currently taking place every month.
2. The negotiations are being conducted in secrecy without parliamentary scrutiny and accountability.
3. The UK already trades extensively with the US and will not lose that trade if a deal is not agreed. That government's own assessment is that even in the most optimistic scenario a US-UK trade deal would only add 0.16% to the economy over fifteen years.

This *[insert type of organisation / body]* **believes:**

1. The US-UK trade deal is a high risk deal, posing multiple risks to economy, society and environment, including as follows:
2. This trade deal could threaten food and animal welfare standards in the UK, potentially introducing chlorinated chicken, hormone grown meat and other technologies currently banned in the UK. The government has repeatedly refused to pass legislation to safeguard against this.
3. This trade deal could threaten our National Health Service, both through locking in existing privatisation and outsourcing and encouraging this to be extended, and through potential substantial medicine price increases. The government has repeatedly refused to pass legislation to safeguard against this.
4. This trade deal could block climate action, encouraging increased trade in fossil fuels and undermining strong climate regulation.
5. The trade deal could threaten local democracy, limiting local governments' freedom in decision making, particularly its ability to use public procurement to support local economies and jobs, kickstart a climate transition or enable other public policy objectives such as healthy eating in schools and hospitals.
6. This trade deal could give corporations in the US the power to sue the UK government outside of the national legal system for huge amounts, using a system called investor-state dispute settlement (ISDS).
7. This trade deal could protect tech giants like Amazon, Apple, Facebook and Google against future attempts to rein in their power or increase taxes on their huge profits.

This *[insert type of organisation / body]* **resolves:**

1. To publicise our concerns about a US-UK trade deal and to inform our members of the threats posed by the deal.
2. To campaign against the US-UK trade deal and to express our concerns to local MPs and the Secretary of State for International Trade.
3. *[If appropriate for the organisation / body]* To request *[next level up in the organisation / body]* to resolve to take up these concerns about the US-UK trade deal.