

U.S. and Canada reach tentative trade agreement



Washington, October 1 (RHC)-- The United States and Canada have reached a tentative deal to save NAFTA, the North American Free Trade Agreement. The new trilateral deal will be known as the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement. The proposed deal must now be ratified by lawmakers in the three countries.

Observers said that the new deal between Washington and Ottawa does not resolve a dispute over U.S. tariffs on Canada's steel and aluminum exports.

Lori Wallach of Public Citizen's Global Trade Watch criticized the new deal, saying: "Unless there are strong labor and environmental standards that are subject to swift and certain enforcement, U.S. firms will continue to outsource jobs to pay Mexican workers poverty wages, dump toxins and bring their products back to the U.S. for sale."

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