Dear Mr/Ms XXXXX,

I’m contacting you about the initiative put forward by the EU Commission to establish a Multilateral Investment Court (MIC).

I appreciate the efforts to overhaul the malfunctioning ISDS system, but I am concerned because the MIC represents a continuation of the same logic. There’s evidence that **investment treaties have not led to increases in foreign direct investment. Instead the use of these treaties to attack public interest policies has been well documented.** Additionally, I am aware the MIC could in fact be incompatible with EU law.

Some of the most important flaws of the current investment arbitration system are:

- **Foreign investors are not required to exhaust local remedies** before bringing an international claim. While people like me are required to take such additional procedural steps, foreign investors (with significant more resources) can simply sideline domestic courts.

- The MIC would bring no changes to the far-reaching rights that are afforded to foreign investors. The reform would need a clause to **ensure that human rights always outweigh investors‘ rights.**

- **Only foreign investors would be able to access the MIC, while local communities who might be affected by investor misconduct are locked out.** A rebalancing of the current investment arbitration system would require access for states or communities who are affected by investor misconduct.

As you know, there is considerable public interest around this debate, and now that some countries outside the EU have engaged in a much more thorough overhaul of their investment policies, I think **this is a great opportunity to engage on a more substantial discussion on the reform of investment treaty arbitration.**

For all the above, I call on you to please investigate the necessity of any kind of special investor rights before embarking on a reform of the current system, and to seek clarity by requesting an opinion of the European Court of Justice on the matter of MIC compatibility with EU law.

Thank you very much for your time.

Yours sincerely,