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Subject: Motion passed at meeting of Wicklow County Council - 9th February 2026

Good Afternoon All,

At the ordinary meeting of Wicklow County Council held on Monday 9th February the Elected Members passed the following motion:

"That Wicklow County Council notes with deep concern the Government's decision to ratify CETA and in particular the Investor Court System (ICS), after trying to rush through the Arbitration (Amendment) Bill 2025 to circumvent the judgement that CETA is unconstitutional.

This Council believes that ICS risks selling out Irish taxpayers, Irish workers' rights and Irish climate and environmental protections for the sole benefit of multinational big business.

Wicklow County Council therefore calls on the Government to suspend Ireland's participation in the ICS element of CETA pending a full, independent assessment of its impacts on local authorities, public services, and environmental protections."

This motion to be circulated to all Local Authorities, All Wicklow TDs and Senators and the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment.

Regards

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