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## **A Supersized NAFTA: 15th Round of Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) Negotiations in Auckland Ends**

### ***Statement of Lori Wallach, Public Citizen's Global Trade Watch***

While the public protests outside TPP negotiations held at the Auckland Skycity Casino and Convention Center grew, talks dragged as U.S. officials doubled down on secrecy and pushed extreme corporate demands that are opposed by many other TPP nations. President Obama's call to supersize NAFTA is dangerous under any timeline, but to try to do so by next fall in the context of secret negotiations that exclude Congress and the public – but provide access for 600 corporate advisors – is obscene. Either U.S. negotiators can back away from their corporate advisors' special interest agenda and finish a real trade deal, or they can waste a lot of time attempting a corporate-coup-by-trade-pact that Congress and the public won't accept.

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