

Secretive TPP Talks Continue at Luxury Hotel in Hawaii



Honolulu, July 30 (RHC)-- Trade ministers from Pacific Rim countries are continuing secret talks on the Trans-Pacific Partnership trade pact at a luxury hotel in Hawaii.

The talks are the first since the U.S. Congress granted President Barack Obama fast-track authority to push the deal through Congress on an up-or-down vote with no amendments.

Leaked drafts show a provision of the TPP would allow foreign corporations to sue countries in special tribunals over laws they say could hurt their future profits.

This comes as a Canadian gold-mine developer has filed a request for arbitration with a similar tribunal, the World Bank's International Center for Settlement of Investment Disputes, after protests in Romania stalled efforts to build Europe's largest open-pit gold mine.

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