

Starhawk in Fort Lauderdale

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of Fort Lauderdale



FIVE REASONS TO OPPOSE THE FREE TRADE AREA OF THE AMERICAS

By Starhawk

EARTH: The FTAA would allow corporations to sue governments in corporate courts for loss of potential profits if governments attempt to ban genetically engineered crops, regulate unsafe foods, ban pesticides or chemicals, protect natural resources, regulate logging, or enforce safety standards. Small farmers and indigenous communities would be further undermined by the influx of cheap foods produced by agribusiness far away.

AIR: Corporations have already sued governments for banning unsafe additives from gasoline. As the hole in the ozone layer grows, governments would lose the ability to effectively regulate ozone destroying chemicals, or to prod corporations to adopt and produce the already-existing technologies that would replace gasoline with renewable, clean alternatives.

FIRE: The U.N. now estimates global warming is progressing much faster than anticipated, that the earth's temperature may rise by ten degrees. The FTAA would undermine efforts to control greenhouse emissions or shift to alternative technologies. It would also open the door to privatization of utilities and energy production and distribution, taking control away from communities and government.

WATER: The FTAA would allow corporations to control the water resources and hydroelectric resources of the hemisphere. It would undercut attempts to protect water quality and fair water usage, and to preserve endangered species such as salmon. It would open the door to the privatization of water delivery services.

COMMUNITY: The FTAA would encourage privatization of schools, universities, medical care, hospitals, libraries, museums, prisons, transportation, broadcasting, and many other services previously provided or regulated by communities and governments.

Starhawk will be holding an outdoor rally in Fort Lauderdale to raise more than a little magic concerning the Free Trade of the Americas (FTAA) meeting in Miami, FL, November 17-21, 2003.

A bonfire will be lit, a circle cast, and Starhawk will tell us something of the international forces at work, raising awareness about FTAA.

Starhawk, a veteran of progressive movements and deeply committed to bringing the techniques and creative power of spirituality to political activism, travels internationally teaching magic, the tools of ritual, and skills of activism.



FTAA, or, Free Trade in the Americas, is the ongoing effort to unite the economies of the Americas into a single free trade area.

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