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Trade, Human Rights and Gender:

The Current Policy Landscape & Opportunities for Advocacy

12, 13, 14 June 2018

Amnesty International UK, 17-25 New Inn Yard, EC2A 3EA

Trainer: Dr Jessica Lawrence*

A three-day course hosted by Amnesty International UK, Trade Justice Movement (TJM), Gender and Development Network (GADN) and CORE Coalition on the human rights and gender implications of trade policies. Participants will get to grips with the current policy and advocacy landscape, identifying gaps and opportunities for human rights engagement with trade policy at different levels. Case studies will be used to highlight the issues and dilemmas, with a focus on the WTO, regional and bilateral agreements.

Day 1: Trade policy and implications for human rights – an overview of WTO rules, the EU's framework and challenges posed by Brexit

Day 2: Framing a feminist analysis of trade policy

Day 3: The policy and advocacy landscape on trade and human rights – gaps, opportunities and case studies

Background

Trade and investment law and human rights law have developed in parallel to each other within different legal and institutional frameworks. Attempts at integration have been largely academic, far removed from the actual impacts of trade agreements, particularly on some of the poorest and most marginalised groups in society.

CETA, TTIP, ISDS, BITs and FTAs all have profound implications for the ability of governments to protect, respect and fulfil human rights and for rights holders to be able to access their right to health, education, food, water and livelihood, amongst others. Structural discrimination based on gender means that trade policy has the potential to exacerbate gender inequality, impacting on women's rights. However, a human rights and gender analysis of trade policy remains rare.

Trade policy is now centre stage in the dynamics of the UK's departure from the EU, offering opportunities to influence developments that may have enormous consequences for human rights in the UK and around the world. This course will demystify the interface between trade policy and human rights and explore how to communicate the connections to lawmakers and policymakers.

While those interested in participating are encouraged to attend all 3 days of this course, consideration will be given to applicants who only want to attend 2 out of the 3 days. There is no cost to attend the

course, but applicants are asked to register only if they are reasonably sure that they will be able to attend, as anyone who withdraws at the last moment might be depriving others of the opportunity.

The training will take place 12-14th June at The Human Rights Action Centre, 17 - 25 New Inn Yard, London, EC2A 3EA. The training will be in English.

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*Dr. Jessica Lawrence will lead the first day's training and share insights during days two and three. Jessica is a lecturer and researcher on the politics of transnational law. Her research applies insights from critical legal studies, governmental studies, and contemporary social and political theory to analyse the relationships between transnational economic law and other areas of governmental responsibility, such as human rights, environmental protection, and migration law.