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“An attempt is made at imposing an economic order in which our small and poor countries would have no choice but to become an immense free zone where the capital and industries of the powerful would find cheap labor force, destroy our environment, deplete our resources and multiply their profits without even paying taxes, when these countries no longer receive the modest custom benefits they used to obtain.”

References to the original: [Speech by commander-in-chief Fidel Castro at the special meeting of heads of State and Government of Cariforum, August 21, 1998](#)

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