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**Dáil motion to approve the Free Trade Agreement between the EU and its
Member States, and Colombia and Peru**

Dáil Motion for the Order Paper of Dáil Éireann on Wednesday, 18 December ,
2014.

“That Dáil Éireann approves the terms of the Free Trade Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and Colombia and Peru, of the other part, which was signed on 26 June, 2012, and laid before Dáil Éireann on 2 October, 2014.”

Reason for Dáil Motion

The EU – Colombia and Peru Free Trade Agreement is an international agreement within the meaning of Article 29.5.1 of the Constitution. Ireland is a signatory to the EU Colombia and Peru Free Trade Agreement in its own right, and the terms of the Agreement could give rise to a charge on public funds under Article 29.5.2 of the Constitution. A motion in Dáil Éireann is necessary, therefore, to approve the terms of the Agreement. Once approval of the Dáil is obtained, the Secretariat General of the EU Council will be formally notified that Ireland has completed its requirements for ratification.

The Agreement has been provisionally applied since 1 March 2013 in the case of Peru and 1 August in the case of Colombia. Since then 17 member States of the EU have ratified the agreement.

**Trade Policy Unit
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