G77

This is a negotiating bloc of the 77 poorest (e.g. Brazil, South countries trying to have some power in trade talks, particularly in the WTO.

G22

The global "middle class" Korea, Poland), negotiating a better deal for themselves. Corporations dump cheap excess produce onto these newly created consumer

WO

The

World

Trade

control over trade and

industry and promote

international trade.

CORPORATIONS

Corporations are unable to behave responsibly because they have a legal obligation to put the interest of their shareholders above everything else. They are now considered to be people, to the extent that they can own other corporations and even sit on boards of directors.

IMF

The

International

Monetary Fund

desperate

governments.

The "Structural

Adjustment Policy" that

comes with every loan

opens up the economy to

international ownership.

<u>Democratic organisations</u> are

SHAREHOLDERS

Since 1855, shareholders in corporations have had the luxury of exemption from liability for the debts they leave behind when their company goes bust.

G8

The 8 most powerful markets. governments. They each pressure small economies into accepting ruinous trade "agreements". For them to have their own negotiating bloc is really having a laugh.

THE WORLD BANK

finances big construction and development projects. It is used effectively by transnational construction companies to create work for Organisation them to do, a lends money to makes and process enforces rules to assisted reduce government by the

IMF.

STOCK MARKET

Shares in listed companies are bought and sold. Unprofitable investments drop in value. Most trading is done by banks and other corporate investment institutions.

United States

OF AMERICA

The USA provides most of the finances for the World Bank and IMF while failing to pay its own national debts and its share of funds for the United Nations.

Trade unions are becoming radical again

as their old victories are overturned.

FINANCIAL **M**RKET

Currencies are traded. Unpopular currencies drop in value, making entire nations suddenly poorer. Loans are bought and sold. Someone needing to borrow money must find a buyer willing to buy their loan.

EUROPEAN UNION

National sovereignty within the EU is overridden by

any EU legislation.

People are resisting the intentions

and the effects of global capitalism.

NATIONAL GOVERNMENTS depend on corporate investment. Election campaigns are funded by corporate donations. Politicians are lobbied constantly by corporations. Corporate-owned media report on everything they do. MPs are very often corporate investors themselves.

Local governments are losing increasingly labelled as terrorist.