

Essential Features for the Rules-Based Trading System of the Future

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Why we need a rules-based trading system

- **Rules: the essential support for an open trading system**
- **Open trade and economic integration provide incentives to avoid destructive conflict**
- **Today's unfortunate paradox**

WTO: the Essential Anchor

Essential (Bedrock) Features: both under severe threat

- **MFN (non-discrimination)**
 - **Implications e.g. for WTO plurilateral agreements**
- **National Treatment**
- **Effective dispute settlement**

Essential institutional features needing to be introduced, further developed, or reviewed

- **Space for dialogue**
 - **APEC model?**
- **Trade Policy Review Mechanism**
 - **improve transparency of policy assessments**
- **Trade Statistics**
 - **value added**
- **Special and Differential Treatment/Self Designation**
- **Unanimity in decision-making**

Existing Rules Needing Attention

- **Subsidies**
- **State Trading**
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Frameworks Needed

- **Trade Measures to support climate change objectives**
 - **e.g. carbon tariffs**
- **Industrial policy/competition interface**
 - **technological/digital competition**
- **Market economy issues**

Complementary (WTO compatible) Architectures

- **Plurilateral Trade Agreements:**
 - **EU, CPTPP, RCEP, AfCTA**
 - **Other models?**
- **Issue-based plurilaterals**
 - **inside and outside WTO?**

Thank you!

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