

Pillar 1—Coordinating new industrial policies

Strengthening coherence between investment agreements and sustainable development commitments

In the face of multiplying investment and trade agreements to secure value chains, the T7 will offer concrete solutions to ensure these instruments help carry forward sustainable development gains and foster balanced relationships with partner countries.

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