Over the past year, China has pledged significant reductions in its emissions intensity and proposed the introduction of a carbon tax in 2012. These are hopeful signs but, as with all signals at the intersection of the economy and the environment, there can be no certainty that reality will match the promise.

Authoritative voices around the world are making dark warnings of the trade barriers facing countries that fail to move to a low-carbon economy. As both a major polluter and exporter, China’s products are particularly vulnerable to the imposition of border tax adjustments (BTAs) by importing countries. This presentation considers the likelihood and legitimacy of such measures, specifically those based on environmental taxes, in light of the WTO’s BTA rules.

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