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China's Proposal of a Multilateral Investment Treaty: A Long Road Ahead

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As an emerging capital exporter, China is now calling for a multilateral investment treaty. Throughout history, there have been many attempts to establish multilateral investment rules, notably the OECD draft MAI in the late 1990s. However, this is the first time that China proposes a multilateral investment treaty negotiation. This seminar will explore the reasons why China proposes a multilateral investment treaty and discuss several potential platforms for China to achieve a multilateral investment treaty, including the G20 summit, China's investment treaty negotiations, the Energy Charter Treaty, and the "One Belt, One Road" initiative. This seminar will conclude that China's proposal of a multilateral investment treaty still has a long way to go.

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