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## I. Introduction

Modern trading blocs are one of the decision principles of our economy. These blocs comprise of several nations in defined regions that oversee and encourage trade activities, particularly among one another. Trading blocs aim is to ensure trade liberalization (the liberating of the trade from protectionist measures) and trade creation between member nations since they are handled favorably in contrast with non-members. The World Trade Organization (WTO) allows the presence of trading blocs if they lower security against outside nations (Riley).

"The formation of trading blocs produce beneficial outcomes to consumers, as high-quality merchandise and services can be delivered at lower costs than they could with the presence of trade barriers. Effective trading blocs will generally lead to stable political relations among nations, expand employment, and income levels in nations.

These advantages include some major disadvantages. Inevitably, some enterprises and organizations remove enormous numbers of jobs in a nation to achieve less expensive labor in another nation. This can lead to incredible pain for laborers and societies. Similarly, trading blocs may exploit the poorer part of the nations' traditional lifestyles and the environment by expanding the freedom of companies motivated distinctly by profit ("Trade Bloc.")

There are three types of trading blocs that will be examined closely in this research report. These can be listed as Free Trade Area, Customs Union, and Single Market. They each have some distinguishable traits. Free Trade Area doesn't allow any tariffs between the members, as well as external tariffs. The members can negotiate their own trade deals. Customs Union once again does not involve tariffs or border checks but it does include common external tariffs and trade deals for the whole customs union. While Single



Market does not recognize tariffs, the common external tariff is involved, as well as common rules and regulations for the members and the freedom of goods and people (Pettinger).

## II. Involved Countries and Organizations

### European Union

The European Union is the most integrated trading bloc. The EU27 has free trade and common regulations which are part of a customs union (Pettinger). The European Union deals with its trade and investment relations with non-EU nations through its trade and investment policy. Trade outside the EU is an exclusive obligation of the EU, as opposed to the national legislatures of member nations. This implies the EU establishments establish laws on trade matters, to negotiate and implement global trade agreements. The EU's obligations cover trade of goods and services, the business parts of intellectual property, for example, licenses, foreign direct investment ("European Commission Directorate-General for Trade.")

### NAFTA

NAFTA stands for the North Atlantic Free Trade Association. It is a free trade area between Canada, the US, and Mexico. NAFTA is the first agreement two developed countries consented to a trade arrangement with a developing nation. To begin with, NAFTA concedes the most-favored-country status to all co-nations. That implies nations must give all member nations equivalent treatment. That includes foreign direct investment. They can't give better treatment to local financial specialists over outside ones. They can't offer a better arrangement to financial specialists from non-NAFTA nations. Governments should likewise offer federal contracts to businesses in each of the three NAFTA nations. Second, NAFTA eradicates tariffs on imports and exports between the three nations. Tariffs are charges used to make foreign goods more costly. NAFTA introduced specific standards to control trade in farm items, automobiles, and apparel. These also apply to certain services, for example, media communications and finance. Third, NAFTA creates strategies to settle trade disputes. That encourages all parties to maintain a distance from lawsuits in local courts. These trade dispute protections also apply to financial specialists. Fourth, all NAFTA nations must respect patents, trademarks, and copyrights. Simultaneously, the agreement guarantees that these protected innovation rights don't meddle with trade. Fifth, the agreement permits business travelers simple access all through every one of the three nations (Amadeo).

### ASEAN Free Trade Area

ASEAN is a free trade area in South East Asia established in 1992. It includes Brunei, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore and Thailand, Vietnam, Laos, Myanmar, and Cambodia. The production of the ASEAN Free Trade Area (AFTA) occurred during the 1992 ASEAN Summit in Singapore. The primary goals



of the AFTA are to make a single market and a global production base, attract foreign direct investments, and grow intra-ASEAN trade and investments. AFTA was additionally established as a response to other rising provincial groupings, for example, the North American Free Trade Area (NAFTA) and the development of the European Union (EU). It was additionally to use on the immense possibilities and complementarities that exist in the region so as to reinforce and extend intra-ASEAN modern linkages including making solid and focused on small and medium enterprises. The liberalization of trade in the region through the end of both intra-territorial tariffs and non-tariff barriers had contributed towards making ASEAN's manufacturing sectors increasingly productive and competitive on the worldwide market. Therefore, buyers can source products from the more proficient producers in ASEAN, hence making a strong intra-ASEAN exchange ("ASEAN Free Trade Area.")

## SAFTA

South Asia Free Trade Area is based around the Indian sub-continent. It includes Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka. Among its aims are advancing and improving mutual trade and financial cooperation by eradicating barriers in trade, advancing conditions of fair competition in the free trade area, guaranteeing equitable advantages to all and setting up a system for further local collaboration to extend the common advantages of the agreement. Different advantages that Safta can bring to part nations can be discussed as such: It could prompt improvement of foreign investment among Saarc countries. The noticeable spurt in foreign investment inside Asean countries and the expansion in speculations by India in Sri Lanka and the other way around following the India-Sri Lanka FTA bear declaration to the capability of such agreements in boosting investments. The agreement can be designed to guarantee that such investments don't hurt the domestic businesses of member countries. RTAs, similar to the proposed Safta, can likewise catalyze useful mechanical rebuilding in part nations through cross-border corporate relationships and acquisitions ("What is SAFTA?")

## Mercosur

A southern American trading bloc established in 1991. Incorporates full individuals from Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay, and Uruguay. With partner individuals including Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador. Created from the free trade area to move toward becoming a customs union. Mercosur works as a customs union and free trade area and has the ambition to turn into a common market along the lines of the European Union. Be that as it may, over 20 years after its establishment, the gathering still battles to accomplish that objective. Some doubted the alliance's achievability as of late after choices to briefly suspend Paraguay after its leader was denounced, and afterward when it conceded Venezuela as a full part. All things considered, Mercosur stays a monetary and political power in the locale, joining South America's two biggest economies and giving a potential springboard to Latin American combination. With the Pacific Alliance, Latin America's



most up to date monetary coalition, the two coalitions joined speak to in excess of 80 percent of local exchange and more than 90 percent of its GDP (Keller).

## Continental Free Trade Area

It is an agreement that includes the African Union - 55 nations of the mainland of Africa. It was made to manufacture nearer political and monetary ties. It has yearnings to turn into a free trade area. Its goals can be recorded as pursues: Create a solitary mainland advertise for goods and services, with free development of business people and speculations, and in this manner make ready for quickening the foundation of the Continental Customs Union and the African customs agreement, grow into African trade through better harmonization and coordination of trade liberalization, resolve the difficulties of different and overlapping members and speed up the provincial and mainland combination forms, improve competition at the business and endeavor level through exploiting opportunities for scale generation, continental market access and better reallocation of resources (“CFTA - Continental Free Trade Area.”)

## European Customs Union

It is a unique case of an area where various nations apply a uniform framework for taking care of the import, export, and transit of products and actualize a typical arrangement of standards called the Union Customs Code (UCC). A uniform arrangement of customs obligations is being utilized on imports from outside the EU and there are no customs duties at the borders between the EU nations. The obligation on products from the outside of the EU is commonly paid when they initially enter, however from that point onward, there is nothing more to pay, no more checks and all goods move openly inside the EU Customs Union. The EU Customs Union is fundamental for the best possible working of the single market. Practically speaking, national customs services in every one of the 28 EU nations cooperate as one to deal with the everyday activities of the Customs Union. The European Commission proposes the EU traditions enactment and screens its usage (“EU Customs Union – Unique in the World.”)

## III. Focused Overview of the Issue

### 1. Detailed Information on Trade Blocs

Confidence in the valuable impacts of organized commerce is the establishment for exchange coalitions, for example, the EU and NAFTA. The early financial analysts Adam Smith (1723–90) and David Ricardo (1772–1823) were the main scholars to plot the case with the expectation of complementary exchange convincingly, and the contentions with the expectation of complementary exchange have changed little



since that time. Basically, facilitated commerce defenders contend that duties, amounts, and other exchange boundaries decline monetary proficiency and generally speaking riches in every influenced nation.

At the point when, for instance, banana cultivators in Ecuador can supply better bananas at a lower cost than banana producers in the United States, the United States ought to enable Ecuadorian bananas to be sold without limitation. Rather than developing bananas, U.S. ranchers will focus on those harvests increasingly fit the dirt and atmosphere of their locale. Ecuador has what business analysts call an "outright advantage" over the United States with regards to banana generation.

Be that as it may, notwithstanding when U.S. organizations can create a specific decent also and as economically as organizations in another nation, it might be in the country's enthusiasm to enable outside organizations to expect both the advantages and the weight of providing that great to U.S. shoppers. Maybe, for example, U.S. organizations and Japanese organizations are both equipped for conveying fantastic, minimal effort steak blades to U.S. buyers. Simultaneously, be that as it may, U.S. organizations may be substantially more fit than Japanese organizations of conveying excellent, minimal effort spread blades to U.S. buyers. For this situation, U.S. organizations would be in an ideal situation permitting Japanese steak-blade organizations to rule the purchaser advertise in light of the fact that the United States could eventually make more riches by concentrating on spreading blade creation. In this circumstance, financial analysts would state that the United States has a "near preferred position" in spread blade creation.

Notwithstanding the across the board acknowledgment among financial analysts of the tenets of supreme preferred position and near a bit of leeway, most countries have just specifically sought after approaches of free global exchange. On the off chance that a U.S. approach of free global exchange prompted the breakdown of the American steak-blade industry, for instance, the scene of thousands of out-of-work steak-blade makers would be difficult to legitimize utilizing financial speculations. Towns and areas can turn out to be monetarily discouraged for quite a long time when a key industry stops to work there. Another reason that unhindered commerce has just step by step turned out to be satisfactory to national governments is that enormous, ground-breaking ventures regularly impact legislators. Many exchange obstructions are kept set up thus.

Territorial exchange coalitions speak to a trade-off between thoroughly facilitated commerce and all-out protectionism of a nation's enterprises. On account of the EU, besides, financial participation has taken into account the gathering of force to be reckoned with. EU nations exchange openly with each other, enabling every nation to focus on what it excels at, however the EU in general by and large assessments imports from non-EU nations at abnormal states to ensure European businesses. The outcome is the production of a solitary, ground-breaking economy. In spite of the fact that individual European nations can't start to



contend financially with the bigger United States, the EU all in all opponents and by certain measures beats the U.S. economy ("Trade Bloc.")

## 2. The Difference Between Free Trade Area and Customs Union

A traditions association has a typical outside levy on imports. This implies it doesn't make a difference which nation the imports enter – in light of the fact that all nations have a similar import duty. This implies there shouldn't be inner keeping an eye on 'Principles of cause'. For instance, in the event that imports from Africa enter Spain, at that point if products traverse the outskirts from Spain to France, there is no compelling reason to check whether the merchandise is paying the right import tax – in light of the fact that the import duties are no different.

A weakness of joining a traditions association is that a nation can't seek after its very own free economic accords. Nonetheless, since economic alliance is confused and takes quite a long while, there is a preferred position to arranging exchange accords as a component of a local exchange square – as opposed to isolating singular nations (Pettinger).

## 3. Trade Creation and Trade Diversion

At the point when traditions associations are built up the progression of exchange between nations engaged with the new association and the ones outside will be influenced. Traditions associations dispense with hindrances to exchange between individuals, which is accepted to give a significant impetus to build exchange among individuals and to decrease exchange among individuals and non-individuals. It is regularly most effortless to value the impact of a traditions association by thinking about what happens when one nation joins a current association. Outside an association, and working autonomously, a solitary country will hope to misuse its near bit of leeway. In an unhindered commerce condition, nations will exchange with who they like, endeavoring to abuse their own similar cost advantage through specialization. They will trade products they produce most productively, and import merchandise from minimal effort nations who have abused their very own similar cost bit of leeway to deliver shoddy fares. In a circumstance where nations don't exchange openly, by forcing levies, or by favoring one nation over another as far as duty levels, the exchange will be contorted and the example of exchange will change. Wasteful makers might be ensured and empowered, to the detriment of increasingly productive imports.

When an association is made, individuals consent to dispense with levies between themselves. The impact of this is, confronting lower evaluated, zero-levy, imports from individuals, purchasers increment their interest for these goods and new exchange will be made – a procedure called trade creation.



The procedure of proficient makers missing out to wasteful ones is , for the most part,ed to as exchange preoccupation. For instance, after Denmark and the UK structure a traditions association, New Zealand, which was the most effective spread maker, endures lost deals to the UK, from 5m to 2m, with exchange occupied from New Zealand to Denmark. Be that as it may, there is some discussion about the utilization of the term exchange redirection. In its most straightforward structure, it implies any exchange occupied away from effective worldwide makers because of the making of a traditions association. Different financial analysts see exchange preoccupation as identifying with the long haul loss of exchange coming about because of wasteful makers, (for example, Denmark, in our speculative model) winding up increasingly proficient after the participation of the association (“Trade Creation and Trade Diversion.”)

#### 4. Advantages of Trade Blocs

There are five noteworthy points of interest of exchange coalition understandings: remote direct venture, economies of scale, rivalry, exchange impacts, and market productivity.

**Remote Direct Investment:** An expansion in outside direct venture results from exchange alliances and advantages the economies of taking interest countries. Bigger markets are made, bringing about lower expenses to make items locally.

**Economies of Scale:** The bigger markets made by means of exchanging alliances grant economies of scale. The normal expense of creation is diminished on the grounds that large scale manufacturing is permitted.

**Rivalry:** Trade coalitions acquire producers various nations closer together, bringing about the more prominent challenge. As needs are, the expanded challenge advances more noteworthy productivity inside firms.

**Exchange Effects:** Trade alliances take out duties, along these lines driving the expense of imported possess. Accordingly, request changes and buyers make buys dependent on the most minimal costs, permitting firms with an upper hand underway to flourish.

**Market Efficiency:** The expanded utilization experienced with changes popular consolidates with a more noteworthy measure of items being produced to bring about an effective market (“Trade Bloc.”)

#### 5. Disadvantages of Trade Blocs

The disservices, then again, include regionalism versus multinationalism, loss of sway, concessions, and relationship.

**Regionalism versus Multinationalism:** Trading coalitions bear an inborn predisposition for their taking an interest nation. For instance, NAFTA, an organized commerce understanding between the United States,



Canada, and Mexico, has added to an expanded progression of exchange among these three nations. Exchange among NAFTA accomplices has ascended to in excess of 80 percent of Mexican and Canadian exchange and in excess of 33% of U.S. exchange, as indicated by a 2009 report by the Council on Foreign Relations. Be that as it may, local economies build up duties and portions that shield intra-provincial exchange from outside powers, as indicated by the University of California Atlas of Global Inequality. Instead of seeking a worldwide exchanging system inside the World Trade Organization, which incorporates most of the world's nations, territorial exchange alliance nations add to regionalism as opposed to worldwide joining.

**Loss of Sovereignty:** An exchanging alliance, especially when it is combined with a political association, is probably going to prompt in any event in complete loss of power for its members. For instance, the European Union, began as an exchanging coalition 1957 by the Treaty of Rome, has changed itself into a sweeping political association that arrangements with exchange matters, yet additionally with human rights, customer security, ozone harming substance emanations and different issues just possibly related.

**Concessions:** No nation needs to give outside firms a chance to increase local pieces of the pie to the detriment of nearby organizations without receiving something consequently. Any nation that needs to join an exchanging coalition must be set up to make concessions. For instance, in exchanging coalitions that include created and creating nations, for example, respective understandings between the U.S. or on the other hand the EU and moderately poor Asian, Latin American or African nations, the last may need to enable worldwide companies to enter their home markets, making some nearby firms uncompetitive.

**Relationship:** Because exchanging coalitions increment exchange among taking an interest nation. The nations become progressively subject to one another. An interruption of exchange inside an exchanging alliance because of a catastrophic event, struggle or transformation may have extreme ramifications for the economies of every taking an interest nation ("Trade Bloc.")

## Types of Trade Blocs

**Free Trade Area:** The following degree of responsibility is the organized commerce zone where all the exchange boundaries among the individuals are evacuated. Thus, all individuals are allowed to import and fare products and ventures among themselves. These individuals will keep on keeping up free exchange approaches with non-part nations. A case of an organized commerce understanding is NAFTA (North American Free Trade Agreement) under which Canada, Mexico, and the US have consented to wipe out the hindrances among themselves. In any case, every part keeps up a free strategy while managing different nations.

**Customs Union:** This is the third kind of exchange alliance, under which the part nations wipe out inner exchange hindrances, yet additionally embrace normal arrangements on the most proficient method to manage non-part nations. A model is the Customs association of Russia, Belarus, and Kazakhstan, which



was shaped in 2010. These nations are taking out exchange hindrances among themselves yet have additionally consented to some normal arrangement of approaches for managing nonmember nations. The over two sorts of exchange coalitions just tended to exchange obstructions identified with products and enterprises. The accompanying exchange alliance, aside from these exchange boundaries, additionally address different factors, for example, a stream of assets.

**Common Market:** "In a typical market, the individuals dispose of inside exchange hindrances, embrace basic outer exchange boundaries and permit the free development of assets, for instance, work, among part nations. Models incorporate Mercosur (Southern Cone Market), East African Common Market, and West African Common Market ("Trading Blocs, Common Markets, and Economic Unions.")

## IV. Key Vocabulary

### Trading Bloc:

"A trading bloc is a type of intergovernmental agreement, often part of a regional intergovernmental organisation, where regional barriers to international trade, (tariffs and non-tariff barriers) are reduced or eliminated among the participating states, allowing them to trade with each other as easily as possible ("What is a Trading Bloc?")

### Free Trade Area:

"Free trade areas are regions in which a group of countries has signed a free trade agreement and invoke little or no price control in the form of tariffs or quotas between each other. Free trade areas allow the agreeing nations to focus on their competitive advantage and to freely trade for the goods they lack the experience at making, thus increasing the efficiency and profitability of each country (Kenton)".

### Customs Union:

"This is an agreement by a group of countries, such as the EU, to all apply the same tariffs on imported goods from the rest of the world and, typically, eliminate them entirely for trade within the group (Roberts)".

### Imports:

"Imports are foreign goods and services bought by residents of a country. Residents include citizens, businesses, and the government (Amadeo)".

### Exports:

"Exports are the goods and services produced in one country and purchased by residents of another country (Amadeo)".



#### Tariffs:

“A tariff is a tax imposed by one country on the goods and services imported from another country. Tariffs are used to restrict imports by increasing the price of goods and services purchased from another country, making them less attractive to domestic consumers (Kenton)”.

#### Common External Tariff:

“A uniform tariff rate adopted by a customs union or common market such as the European Community to imports from countries outside the union. For example, the European Common Market is based on the principle of a free internal trade area with a common external tariff applied to products imported from non-member countries (“What is Common External Tariff?”).”

#### Trade Deal:

“Trade agreements are when two or more nations agree on the terms of trade between them. They determine the tariffs and duties that countries impose on imports and exports. All trade agreements affect international trade (Amadeo).”

## V. Important Events & Chronology

Date (Day/Month/Year)	Event
1947	23 nations signed the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade to allow trade among the nations.
1960	The European Free Trade Association (FEAT) is established as a trade bloc alternative by the Outer Seven European nations who joined the EEC.
1 November 1994	Subsequent to growing its participation in 12 nations, the European Economic Community turns into the European Union (EU).
1 January 1994	The European Economic Area (SEA ) is framed to accommodate the free development of people, merchandise, administrations and capital inside the internal market of the European Union just as three of the four-part conditions of the European Free Trade Association.



1 January 1994	The North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) is established.
1 January 1995	World Trade Organization is established to encourage free trade, by commanding shared most favored country trading status between all signatories.
2008-2009	During the Great Trade Collapse, a drop of world GDP of 1% shockingly caused a drop of global exchange of 10% (“Timeline: World Trade Organization.”)

## VI. Past Resolutions and Treaties

### [Resolution on International Trade and Development](#)

This resolution aims to “have the Assembly promote a universal, rules-based, open, transparent, predictable, inclusive, non-discriminatory and equitable multilateral trading system under the World Trade Organization (WTO), as well as promote meaningful trade liberalization.”

### [Resolution on International Financial System and Development](#)

This resolution promotes the idea to “have the Assembly resolve to strengthen the coherence and consistency of multilateral financial, investment, trade and development policy and environment institutions and platforms.”

### [Resolution on Commodities](#)

This resolution’s purpose is to “have the international community address the factors that created structural barriers to international trade, impeded diversification and limited access to financial services, particularly for developing countries.”

Treaties also involve the Free Trade Agreements listed previously in this research report.



## VII. Failed Solution Attempts

Neither private global organizations nor the administrations of industrialized nations that regularly help advance their interests can be depended on to give much thought to the interests of residents of the South and the progress economies. Every nation should cautiously ensure its own advantages in universal business associations, even with partners. In this vigilant soul toward worldwide private enterprise, numerous nations' heads have looked to the provincial exchange relationship as a trade-off between the hazards of exploring the untamed oceans of worldwide free enterprise and remaining secure in their very own little ports.

Independence on a national level might be an absurd objective, however, why not go for provincial financial self-sufficiency? In any case, do territorial exchange alliances offer a considerable favorable position over a solitary economy? Much of the time, the appropriate response is no. Indeed, even the relationship among enormous creating nations is amazingly little on a worldwide scale. Local exchange gatherings can give individuals some political and monetary advantages, yet they scarcely offer a genuine option in contrast to a commitment to the worldwide economy. It should not shock anyone that most exchanging alliances are little — however how little they are may come as a stun.

Truth be told, even Mercosur — the biggest of the developing business sector exchange courses of action incorporating a populace of 220 million — gives a market littler than Italy's. It is very evident that whole creating mainlands are as yet littler than a solitary enormous European economy, to avoid anything related to the EU. In view of this reality, provincial independence for Africa or Latin America is basically not a sensible alternative. For instance, in the event that Mercosur could do well as an internal looking exchanging alliance — Italy alone ought to as well. Yet, would anyone say anyone is set up to contend for Italian independence?

While rich nations can depend upon their household economies or a couple of affluent neighbors to receive the rewards of a huge market, regardless they look to grow outer exchange to build local success. For the nations where the vast majority of the individuals of the world live — the creating and developing business sector economies — there is just not a viable alternative for commitment with the world economy (Wasow).

## VIII. Possible Solutions

The future financial development of Eastern European nations will depend to a great extent on the European Union (EU), which got 80 percent of Eastern Europe's traded merchandise in 2008. To cultivate exchange,



the EU must execute approaches that will bite by bit diminish fiscal deficits and help recover lost intensity. With arrangements set up, the territorial exchange can be an amazing motor for development in the area.

Latin American nations have a long however not effective history of attempting to incorporate their economies and social orders. In any case, nations in the area are presently in a generally solid fiscal position following the financial emergency and have the chance to expand on littler exchange understandings by completion oppressive regulatory limitations and duty s and by planning interests in territories, for example, transportation, vitality, and media communications.

East Asia's standpoint for local exchange is sure, given that its nations are rapidly recuperating from the financial emergency and appreciate an effective exchanging history. Be that as it may, with such a significant number of exchange understandings marked both inside the area and past, understanding the applicable principles for business and settling debates is a difficult faction. All nations appropriately view the local exchange as significant for future monetary development, and Southeast Asia ought to significantly grow its exchanging alliance to incorporate China, Japan, and South Korea—and potentially consolidate Australia, India, and New Zealand.

These three areas give profitable exercises to help call center pay nations to continue development in the postcrisis period:

Regional exchange understandings arrive at their maximum capacity when the political and ideological differences among taking an interest nation are insignificant.

Economic alliance works best when part states facilitate money related and fiscal strategies. Indeed, clumsy fiscal arrangements in the European Union system are in charge of current financial strife in the district, with a negative effect on exchange.

Base up methodologies, in which organizations create supply chains crosswise over outskirts, are more effective in encouraging local combinations than are top-down methodologies forced by governments.

Concurrences on exchange and venture standards—including diminishing transportation costs through-composed efforts to improve the nature of foundation—can significantly support intra-local exchange.

Countries must accomplish a better balance between fiscal upgrade and financial dissolvability to revitalize local exchange understandings. The previous build open obligation to levels that may undermine financial soundness. Nations likewise should address worries over consistency in return rates strategies. The



concurrency of fixed trade rates with free-floating rates, as in the eurozone, makes uneven characters in exchange.

Aspiring objectives for exchange accords are simpler to accomplish when dealings continue among nations that grasp the benefits of globalization, which means those that have been eager to singularly open to exchange or have effectively upheld multilateral exchange advancement.

Seeking after more grounded local exchange understandings can help structure the structure hinders for worldwide facilitated commerce bargains. Expanding exchange won't just help middle-income economies grow yet additionally drive development around the globe as the financial emergency retreats (Foxley).

## IX. Useful Links

European Commission Taxation and Customs Union - Facts and Figures

[https://ec.europa.eu/taxation\\_customs/facts-figures/eu-customs-union-unique-world\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/taxation_customs/facts-figures/eu-customs-union-unique-world_en)

BBC - "Timeline: World Trade Organization"

[http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/europe/country\\_profiles/2430089.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/europe/country_profiles/2430089.stm).

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