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Germany **benefits** very much from globalization. One expression of the international activity of our companies is the German outward FDI stock of about **1.4 trillion U.S. dollars**. The **foreign turnover** generated by German FDI is more than **double the value** of German **exports**.

However, foreign investment and job creation are associated with **high risks**. Therefore, our **companies trust** in our IIAs. Especially for German **small and medium-sized companies**, the **biggest obstacle** when investing abroad is the lack of legal certainty.

With almost **130** treaties, **Germany has more IIAs** than any other country. Together with the treaties of the EU, they offer a strong basis for the global activities of German companies.

Off course, **reforms** of old IIAs **are necessary**. The right to regulate of the state must be secured. The transparency of ISDS procedures must be ensured. Unjustified complaints must be prevented.

We welcome the efforts of UNCTAD and other organizations to reform IIAs. We also welcome the initiative of the European Commission to **multilateralize** investment protection.

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From the perspective of German industry, reforms must take into account the **interests of the investors**. After all, modern and reformed IIAs must facilitate investment. IIAs must provide a high level of protection and efficient arbitration procedures while meeting modern standards of sustainability and transparency.

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Thank you very much!