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The Trump Administration Announces It Plans to Negotiate New Free Trade Agreements with Japan, the European Union and the United Kingdom

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On October 16, 2018, the Office of the United States Trade Representative ("USTR") notified Congress that it plans to open individual trade negotiations with Japan, the United Kingdom ("UK"), and the European Union ("EU"). More »

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Seth Atkisson

A number of the world's top trade ministers met last week in Ottawa, Canada to discuss the significant issues facing the World Trade Organization. At the conclusion of the conference, which was held on October 24th and 25th, the trade ministers issued a joint statement describing the current situation at the WTO as "no longer sustainable." More »

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As we have previously reported, on September 30, 2018, Canada, Mexico, and the United States reached an agreement to replace the North American Free Trade Agreement ("NAFTA"). Although the three countries are expected to sign the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement ("USMCA") on November 30, 2018, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) said that he does not

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- President Trumps Signs Hizbollah Sanctions Bill Saud Aldawsari - On October 25, 2018, the President signed the Hizballah International Financing Prevention Amendments Act of 2018 ("HIFPAA"). More »
- The Department of Defense Issues Report on Strengthening the U.S. Industrial Base – Antoinette Bedros – On July 21, 2017, President Trump signed Executive Order 13806, "Assessing and Strengthening the Manufacturing and Defense Industrial Base and Supply Chain Resiliency of the United States." More »
- Seven WTO Members Pursue Challenges of the Trump Administration's Imposition of Section 232 Tariffs on Steel and Aluminum - Manuel Sanchez Miranda - As we have previously reported, several of the United States' top trading partners, including Canada, China, the European Union, Mexico, Norway, Russia, and Turkey, have filed complaints with the WTO challenging the Administration's tariffs on steel and aluminum. More »

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