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Draft Agenda – Workshop on Toward Building Resilient Supply Chains - A Possible Role of Investment Policy

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Meeting
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CTI Project :

*“Towards building resilient supply chains
– a possible role of investment policy”*

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Objective of the project

- To promote the liberal investment provisions in FTAs/EPAs and BITs with a view to contributing to the eventual realisation of high-quality and comprehensive FTAAP.
- To explore a balanced investment policy approach and to analyze new issues to facilitate a sustainable business environment both under the COVID-19 crisis and in the post-COVID era.

Possible discussion points at the workshop

- Comparative stock-takes of BITs and investment-related provisions in FTAs/EPAs.
- Good practices of BITs and investment-related provisions in FTAs/EPAs and its challenges.
- Analysis of new issues in the post-COVID era.
- Analysis of a possible role played by BITs and investment related provisions in FTAs/EPAs under the COVID-19 crisis.
 - *What could be the possible new roles played by BITs and investment provisions in FTAs/EPAs?*
 - *How BITs and investment provisions in FTAs/EPAs could help to enhance supply chain resilience?*
 - *How the treaties could prevent excessive introduction of investment protection measures?*

Japan is also trying to promote...

- Cross-fora collaboration
- Synergy with existing projects
- Collaboration with the international organisation
- Collaboration with the business community

More details...

- Tentative dates for the workshop: 13 and 14 May 2021
- The General Information to be circulated in March

Keep the dates open!

Any questions...?

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Thank you!