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Trade disputes and trade agreements have an important characteristic in common — they raise the question of whether and how domestic policies between trading nations can be made more compatible, more consistent, and if they can be harmonized. Serious consideration of these issues raises more basic questions — what do these terms mean, in a practical sense, in bilateral and multilateral trade relations?

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