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It is necessary to acknowledge that trade barriers are not limited to direct trade-related interventions. For instance, language, culture, and geography act

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It was particularly important to include digital trade restrictions due to the recent onslaught of countries promoting digital service taxes, excessive privacy regulations, as well as data localization

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Beijing which operates a great online firewall that earned it the lowest ranking in Freedom House's Freedom of the Net Index⁷

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