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## I. INTRODUCTION

While the new African continent-



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programs that unilaterally opened developed country markets to trade from emerging markets.<sup>50</sup>

Another phase, which coincided with the opening of emerging markets to trade from developed countries, was the opening of emerging markets to trade from each other.















crafted that they are driven by Africa's particular economic, geographic, and even legal circumstances, with S&D provided based on need. For example, the Af F A's Vro°ocol on trade

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doing so, the AfCFTA should re-

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genetic resources,<sup>169</sup> as does Zambia's law,

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African developments. With respect to the latter, the draft Pan African Investment Code (PAIC) is emerging as a “unique legal instrument” due to its “Africa-specific” and development-















While an exhaustive assessment of other countries' investment laws was beyond the scope of this paper, other Afr













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8. **Provisions on Remedies and Resolution of Disputes:** These could be needed to both





regulates mergers that have trade distorting effects and result in the abuse of dominant market

position,<sup>288</sup>

consumer protection is also enshrined in Kenya's Competition Act, provided that goods meet relevant standards, such as product safety standards.<sup>295</sup>

The laws of Botswana and Namibia are also notable. Botswana's Competition                    s e j                    's

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including those to address barriers to trade in environmental goods and services,<sup>318</sup> phase out fossil





specific focus, as highlighted by the recent Digital Economy Partnership Agreement signed by Chile, New Zealand, and Singapore which references indigenous communities, women, rural populations, and low socio-economic groups.<sup>331</sup>

Although the AfCFTA is still in its early stages, and more research on