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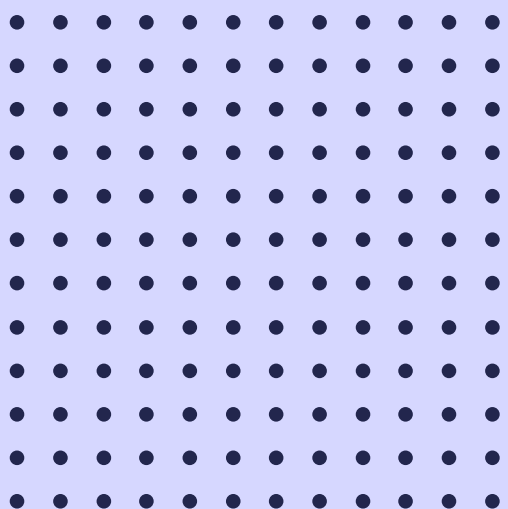




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The old proverb used to say “work ennobles man”. Historically in the division of social labour, men used to work outside, and women used to take care of the family, developing non-remunerated home tasks. From the Industrial Revolution, and mainly after the 2nd World War that demanded millions of men to go to the war, women started to assume their work positions, and a gender revolution came into being. From then on women not only for economic necessity wanted to join the labour market, but to develop their personal skills and acquire financial independence to be the masters of their destiny: *work not only ennobled women but could set them free*. On this purpose, in 1979 the UN adopted the Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against Women and after almost 40 years later the UNGA Resolution Transforming our world - the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development – set as its 5th goal to achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls. Recognizing that women’s participation in trade is fundamental for women’s empowerment, in 2017 the WTO issued on the occasion of the WTO Ministerial Conference in Buenos Aires a Joint Declaration on Trade and Women's Economic Empowerment. This triad of multilateral instruments has provided the substrate for addressing gender provisions in the new generation of FTAs that spilled over around the world in a very heterogeneous way. The improvement and possible uniformization of gender-related provisions to boost women’s empowerment through FTAs is one more challenge multilateralism is facing to set up global standards that champion the SDGs for a more fair, inclusive and sustainable international trade that leaves no woman behind.





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