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From an outsider’s perspective, it is noted that China could resolve its internal limits faster by allowing external influence. Without the full perspective that would be possessed by an “insider” it is notable that there may be actual good to be had by moving slowly on public policy. Recognizing the very real impact that is had on the global market by even the smallest change in tariffs, for example, it is in fact possibly quite important for movement in trade policies to be slow. On the other hand, it is important for the EU and US, as respectively some of the largest trade partners for China to be influential to some degree. The frustrations that are borne out of slow moving policy makers are real and can impact diplomacy in a grand scheme. What is important to prioritize for both China and its trading partners is the increase in transparency that the chapter’s author campaign for. It is often that transparency can alleviate many of the woes of public policy. And more than alleviating concerns, it is often a show of good faith to be upfront with all of the partners in an agreements, especially as it comes to international trade.

China’s membership in the WTO does demand adoption of certain domestic policies, and it has allowed the EU and US to aid in developing these policies. Yet, there is still progress that is to be made on this front. Importantly, there is reason to maintain respect for the progress that has been already made, with recognition for “just how far” the Chinese national congress and policy makers have come.



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