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Environment measures

The Parties recognise that it is inappropriate to encourage investment by relaxing health, safety or environmental domestic laws. Accordingly, a Party should not waive or offer to waive the application of domestic law as an encouragement for the establishment, acquisition, expansion or retention in its territory of an investment of an investor.