

# Solar Industry Declaration

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## *SOLAR INDUSTRY DECLARATION: EXPEDITING GROWTH OF THE GLOBAL SOLAR INDUSTRY THROUGH COLLABORATIVE ACTION*

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We, the representatives of the international and national solar trade associations, hereby agree to the following statements:

Solar energy is an increasingly important solution to the world's energy needs, climate change, and economic development. The industry is growing rapidly across the globe. Recent imbalances in multiple segments of the solar industry and resulting trade conflicts threaten to slow solar energy's growth.

We support a rules-based trading system to ensure open and fair competition. For this system to function effectively, governments and industry must recognize that litigation is not the only mechanism available under the World Trade Organization (WTO) rules. Collaboration and negotiations are equally important tools to resolving trade conflicts, particularly where the industry, such as solar, operates across an interdependent, global supply chain.

In recognition of the foregoing, we urge our governments to:

- Utilize all available tools in resolving trade disputes, including negotiations and alternative trade remedy solutions; and
- Develop or identify a consensus-based, public-private institution to foster a proactive, collaborative discussion on global solar competitiveness issues.

By taking these actions, governments and industry together will: (i) promote WTO-acceptable trade in solar energy goods; (ii) help ensure that global innovation, scaling, and economic development occur; and (iii) create a collaborative framework for preventing and resolving future trade conflicts should they arise.