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Renata is an experienced international trade lawyer, with an extensive and proven record of successful engagement at the World Trade Organization (WTO), bilateral and regional trade negotiations, domestic trade policy and market access. Over the course of her fifteen-year career, has advised governments and private stakeholders on international trade matters, with a focus on WTO law.

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