Brussels, 21 March 2023 - Global Britain has not delivered according to the hopes expressed by supporters of leaving the EU. Meanwhile, the world of trade policy is transformed since 2016, negatively.

Expectations of what a UK outside of the EU could achieve were exaggerated, but nonetheless, David Henig argues that the country could be doing a lot better in its trade policy: **UK Trade Policy needs a reset.**

To help achieve this, this paper introduces a framework based on three principles: **embracing the complexity** of the modern inter-dependent economy, understanding that **results will be incremental**, and **delivering with professionalism**.

Within such a framework, there would in turn be numerous individual actions taken. These should build on the UK’s diverse but not universal strengths across manufacturing and services, working with those delivering trade.

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