

A MULTILATERAL INVESTMENT AGREEMENT : POISON OR ANTIDOTE?

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ABSTRACT

The establishment of an international regulatory framework for cross-national investments has always been at the eye of the storm in the international law debate. The patchwork international environment for foreign investments existing today is frequently subjected to various degrees of criticism including accusations of bias and procedural flaws. However, no effective solutions have been implemented, until date. This paper addresses the current regime of investment regulations and historically analyses the reasons for its development and further goes on to criticise the present day system of bilateral agreements between unequal nations. It also looks at instances of multilateralism in international investment agreements. It discusses whether a multilateral investment agreement can be justified in the light of the international situation today from the stand point of developing nations. Further, it lists certain policy issues that need to be considered for evolving a truly effective multilateral investment regime and concludes on the note that if a multilateral investment agreement is implemented successfully it could facilitate foreign investment all over the world.

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