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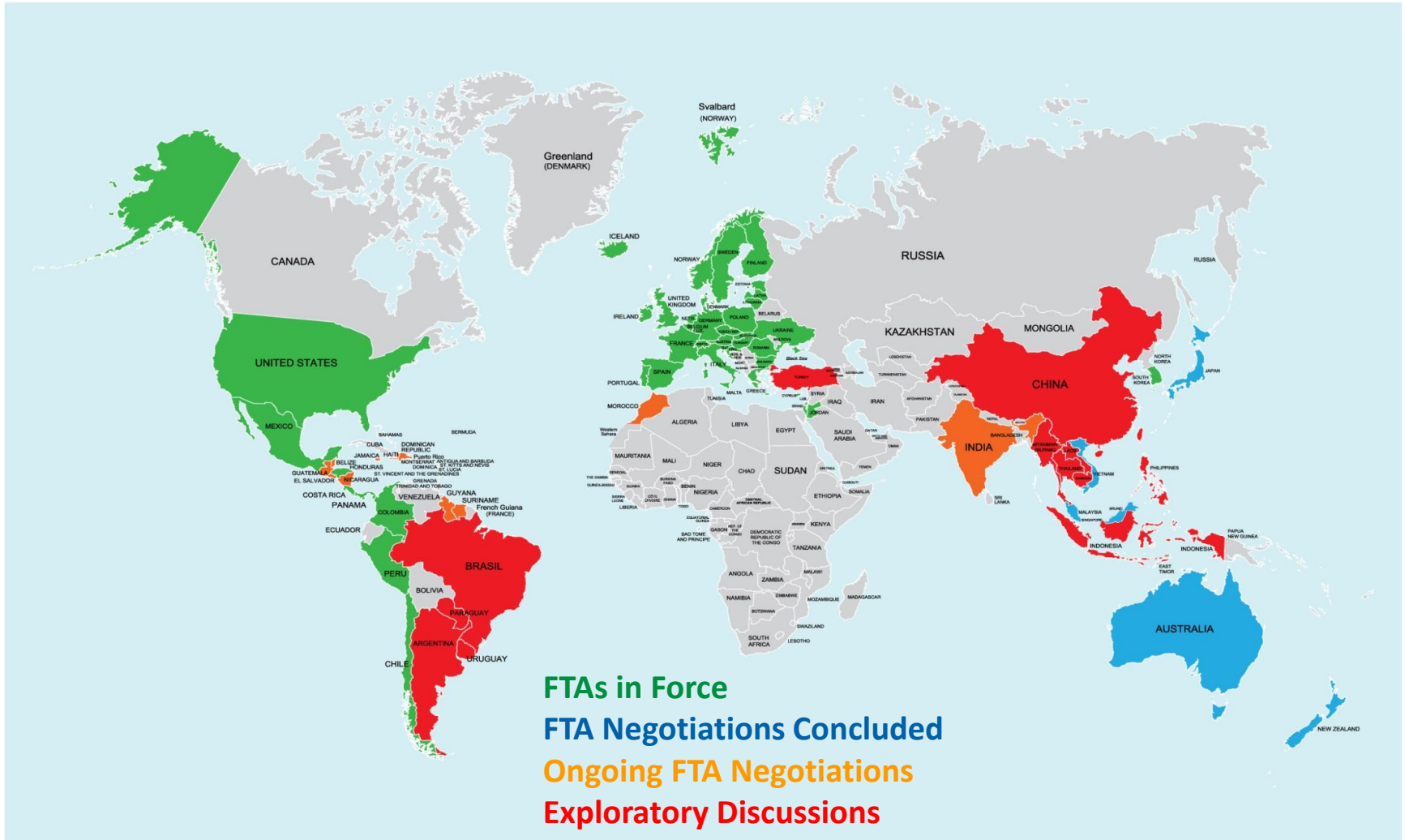
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# NAFTA Modernization within the Global Trade Context

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# Canada's Global Trade Context



# Why Modernize NAFTA?

- The Agreement came into force in 1994

- NAFTA has worked, nearly quadrupling agricultural trade in North America over 25 years



- Agricultural supply chains have become highly integrated and globally competitive

# Canada's Negotiating Objectives

- Modernize NAFTA
- Make Agreement more progressive
- Cut red tape and harmonize regulations
- Freer market for government procurement
- Better movement of professionals
- Uphold and preserve elements key to national interest, including Canada's system of supply management

# Overall Dynamics

- During the 2016 campaign, President Trump indicated his strong belief that the agreement should be renegotiated
- 5 negotiation rounds and 1 intersessional meeting have occurred to date
- Canada is committed to modernizing NAFTA in a way that benefits all three partners



# Agricultural Table Dynamics

- U.S. has yet to nominate a Chief Agricultural Negotiator
- Overall alignment between Canada and Mexico on the “big picture”

## **Canada is:**

- Seeking improvements to the agreement
- Advancing offensive interests
- Defending elements key to national interest

# Next Steps for NAFTA

- Round 6 currently underway in Montreal
- Ability of the U.S. and Mexico to negotiate constrained by electoral calendars
  - Mexico Presidential election on July 1, 2018
  - U.S. midterms in November 2018





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