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The Report of the DTC Global Think Tank provides interesting insights and an objective assessment of legal, constitutional and international law implications of specific DTC proposals that impact the global business community. It also provides a constructive critique of the manner in which India has embraced this mammoth task of overhauling its tax law and provides recommendations based on international best practices. The members of the Think Tank argue in favour of a robust, fair, stable, sustainable and trust based tax regime that would enhance India's participation in international trade and investment flows and facilitate its emergence as a responsible economic power.

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