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Anabel González joins the Peterson Institute for International Economics

WASHINGTON—The Peterson Institute for International Economics (PIIE) is pleased to welcome Anabel González as a nonresident senior fellow. González served as the senior director of the World Bank Group’s Trade & Competitiveness Global Practice from 2014 to 2017. Before joining the World Bank Group, González served as the minister of foreign trade in Costa Rica. During her 15+ years of service with the Ministry of Foreign Trade, González held various positions including director general for international trade negotiations, vice minister of foreign trade, and ambassador-chief negotiator.

“Anabel’s remarkable work as Costa Rica’s Trade Minister, where she led an initiative to build an extensive network of trade agreements including with the United States, European Union, and China, contributed significantly to opening the country’s economy, attracted significant foreign investment, and increased trade with Costa Rica’s major partners,” says Peterson Institute President Adam S. Posen. “At the Institute, Anabel’s research will focus on reinvigorating the World Trade Organization’s monitoring, negotiation and dispute settlement functions and on trade deals between the European Union and Latin America that will spur further economic opening in Latin America.”

González holds a master’s degree in international trade law and policy from Georgetown University and a law degree from the University of Costa Rica. She is a member of the World Economic Forum Global Future Council on Trade and Investment. She has written extensively on trade and investment. In her role at the World Bank, she led a team of 500 people to design and implement the World Bank Group’s global and country agenda in the areas of trade, investment climate, competitiveness, innovation, and entrepreneurship.

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