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Over the coming years, Cato will continue to confront threats to our values—like the rise of populism, hostility to free speech, and the big-government leviathan that would entangle commerce in red tape and halt the progress transforming the developing world. Our community is animated by promoting liberty, and Cato's central role in developing the public policies, communications, and outreach activities that present the best chances for our success. ■

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