

## US 'pressure' tactic on WTO will fail: China state media

US threat to pull recognition of China's "developing nation" status at the World Trade Organisation is bound to fail, a **commentary** in state media said Monday.

commentary 评论; 说明

The **reaction** followed a **memo** issued on Friday by President Donald Trump. It said the WTO, which operates a global system of trade rules and settles **disputes**, uses "an outdated **dichotomy** between developed and developing countries that has allowed some WTO members to gain unfair advantages."

reaction 反应

memo 备忘录

dispute 争执

dichotomy 二分法

Without "substantial progress" to reform WTO rules within 90 days, Washington will no longer treat as a developing country any WTO member "**improperly** declaring itself a developing country and **inappropriately** seeking the benefit of flexibilities in WTO rules and negotiations," said the statement, which focused mostly on China.

improperly 不适当地

inappropriately 不适当地

Developing country status in the WTO allows governments longer timelines for **implementing** free trade commitments, as well as the ability to protect some domestic industry and maintain **subsidies**.

implement 实施; 执行

subsidy 补贴; 津贴

The Trump administration has long complained that WTO rules are unfair to the United States, and has nearly **throttled** significant WTO **proceedings** by refusing to name new members of the appellate body for the dispute settlement system, which will cease to function later this year.

throttle 扼杀; 压制

proceeding 诉讼; 程序

Despite Trump's criticisms, Washington has, in fact, won the majority of complaints it has filed with the WTO.

Xinhua news agency's commentary said that "messing with" basic principles of the WTO "will **beget** nothing but failure." "It will bring controversy and chaos, putting new **obstacles** in the way of WTO reforms, " the commentary said.

beget 产生; 招致

obstacle 障碍; 干扰