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Germany, a member of the European Union and an internationally active trading nation that supports a rules-based international order, has a keen interest in contributing to Asia's growth dynamics, influencing the Indo-Pacific region, and upholding international norms in regional structures. Thus, it is even more crucial to have a thorough understanding of the objectives, guiding principles, and main areas of German policy in the area. The policy guidelines below aim to accomplish this. These policy recommendations are meant to provide starting points and opportunities for working with regional partners while also adding to a future overall EU strategy.

Sen that the area has a young, educated population and can reflect decades of significant economic growth. The three largest economies in the world—China, Japan, and the US—all have coastlines on the Pacific. In a few years, India, another power in the Indo-Pacific, might move up to the fourth spot. This area is home to 20 of the 33 megacities in the world. The countries in the region are becoming more self-assured partners in international cooperation, including the fight against climate change and the loss of biodiversity worldwide, as a result of growing economic output. Although the large percentage of the Indo-Pacific countries have relatively high levels of internal stability, the region's overall structure is in flux due to significant changes in the balance of power and widening gaps. Even now, the stability is still impacted by earlier conflicts. The region is characterized by a rapidly rising arms dynamics and a relative lack of institutional and normative frameworks.

Germany actively supports global supply chains that uphold and apply environmental and human rights standards in accordance with generally accepted norms, such as the UN Guiding Principles on Human Rights. Additionally, the Federal Government thinks that contemporary free trade and investment protection agreements ought to be linked to partnership and cooperation agreements because they offer a crucial framework and foundation for political dialogue on issues like environmental protection and human rights, among others.