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There is little theoretical or empirical evidence, IMRAAN VALODIA demonstrates, to support the ISP view that exports will lead to productivity improvements in South African manufacturing. Furthermore, the ISP has failed to recognise that its proposals to improve productivity, however important, could lead to a substantial increase in unemployment in the short and medium term.

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