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The Role of Production Cooperation in Enhancing The Competitiveness of National Products

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Keywords: production cooperation, competitiveness, industrial policy, global value chains, innovation, economic development

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1. Introduction

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3. Results

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4. Discussion

The findings confirm that production cooperation enhances competitiveness through resource optimization, knowledge sharing, and innovation.

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