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Indias foreign minister studiously avoids naming China directly, but Beijing looms large behind his explanation of why the EU and India decided on Saturday to have another shot at resuscitating moribund trade talks, which collapsed in 2013.

For Subrahmanyam Jaishankar, supply shocks during the coronavirus pandemic have starkly exposed Europe's import security problems, as well as India's. But when asked whether he was alluding to an overreliance on New Delhis giant rival across the Himalayas, he sidestepped any reference to Beijing and described Europes move to resume trade talks with India, in more general terms, as a big hedge bet.

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