The relationship between competition law and development policy has become an increasingly debated issue in international competition law. Up until recently, the dominant view was that the objectives of competition law should be limited to improving economic efficiency and consumer welfare. However, with the enactment of competition law by transitioning and developing countries and the recent adoption of the Sustainable Development Goals, the question of whether and how competition law should and could be used to promote development and other goals has become a topic of growing importance. I explore this question by considering how China might contribute to this debate through its competition law and enforcement practices. I look at the ways in which competition law is linked to China’s reform and development agenda and how Chinese competition law has been implemented to help promote and achieve development goals. The implications for international competition law are then considered.

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