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(57) **Abstract:** A process for preparing a catalyst support or a supported Group VIII metal catalyst or a precursor of the supported Group VIII metal catalyst, which process comprises (a) exerting mechanical power on a mixture comprising a refractory oxide and a first liquid to obtain a dough, (b) admixing the dough with a second liquid to obtain a slurry, (c) shaping and drying the slurry, and (d) calcining.