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Pentagon Seeks Stronger Latin American Alignment Through New Monroe Doctrine

The Pentagon outlined a renewed regional strategy urging Latin American partners to strengthen defence cooperation with the United States under a modernised Monroe Doctrine framework. The initiative focuses on countering external strategic influence, expanding security partnerships and enhancing regional resilience against transnational threats, reflecting Washington's renewed geopolitical engagement in the Western Hemisphere.



IMF Managing Director Kristalina Georgieva and Venezuela's acting president discussed the possible use of Special Drawing Rights (SDRs) to support post-earthquake recovery. The discussions focused on mobilising international financial resources for reconstruction while highlighting the complexities surrounding financial assistance to Venezuela.

IMF AND VENEZUELA DISCUSS SDR SUPPORT FOR EARTHQUAKE RECOVERY



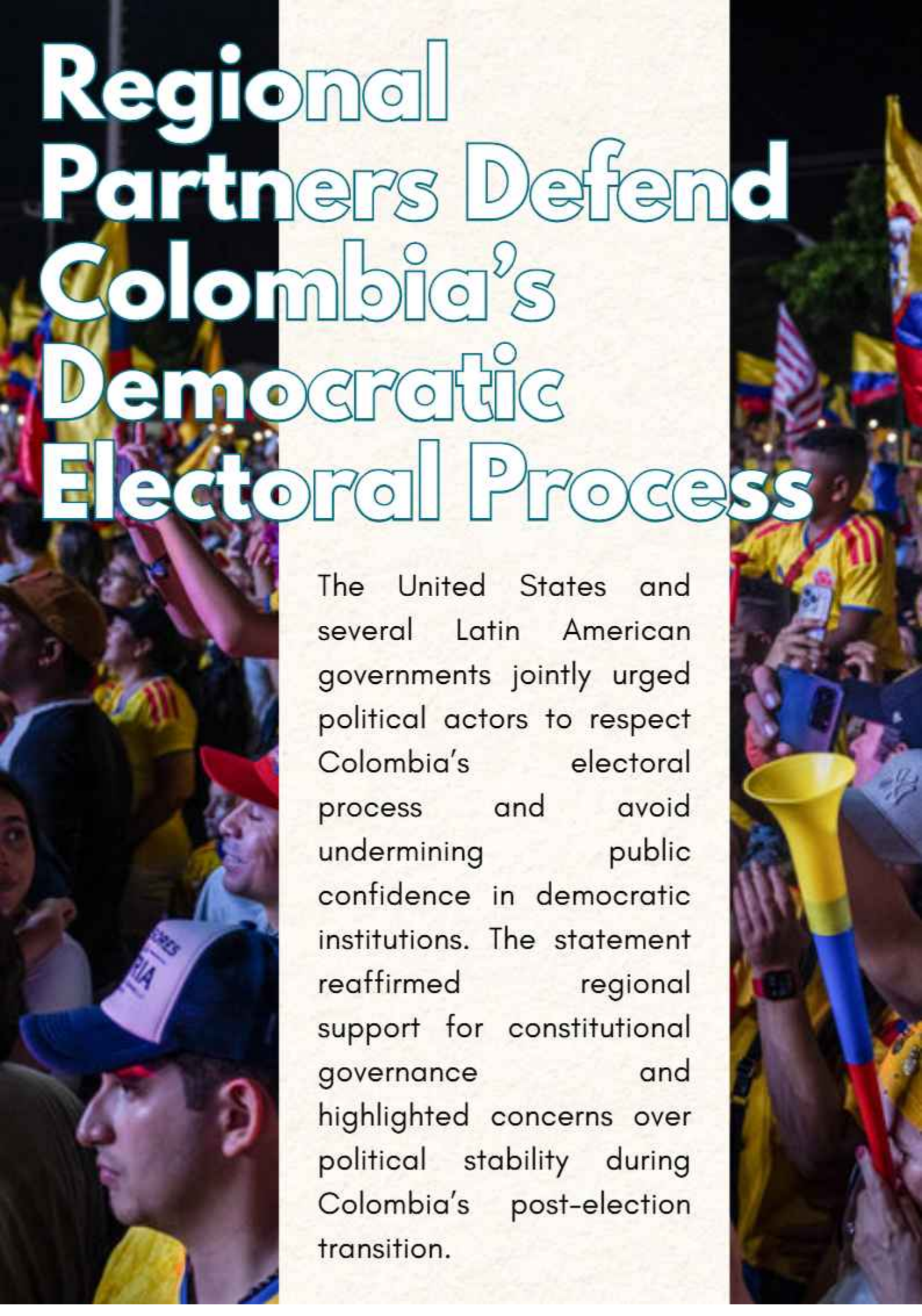


Costa Rica President Challenges Judiciary Over Anti-Crime Measures

Costa Rica's newly elected president clashed with the judiciary over proposals to strengthen the government's response to organised crime and escalating drug violence. The dispute highlighted institutional tensions over security policy, judicial independence and the balance between stronger law enforcement measures and constitutional safeguards.

Regional Partners Defend Colombia's Democratic Electoral Process

The United States and several Latin American governments jointly urged political actors to respect Colombia's electoral process and avoid undermining public confidence in democratic institutions. The statement reaffirmed regional support for constitutional governance and highlighted concerns over political stability during Colombia's post-election transition.

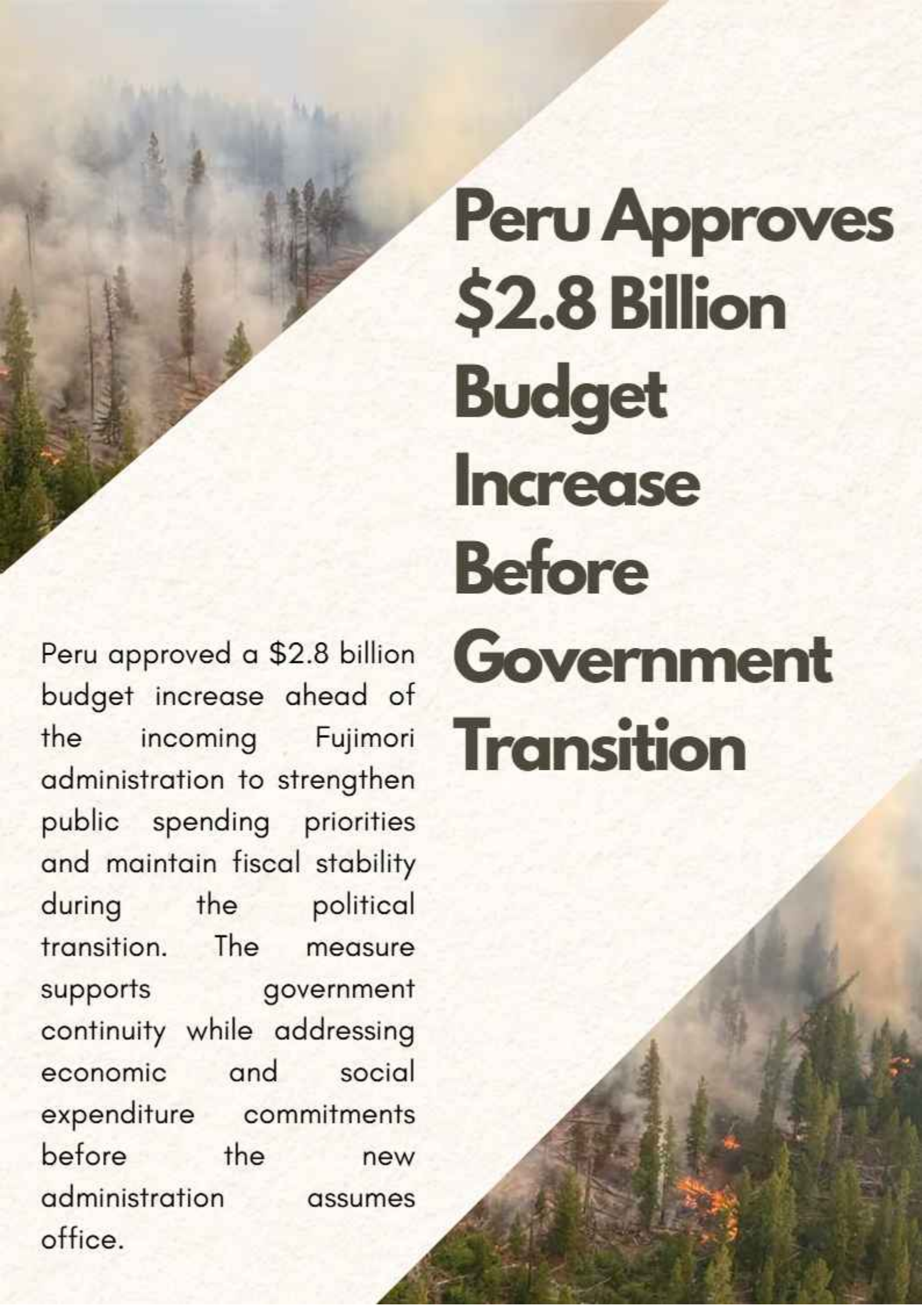




India Reaffirms

Commitment Against Organised Crime After US Indictment

India reiterated its commitment to combating organised crime following U.S. indictments linked to a murder investigation in Canada. New Delhi emphasised ongoing cooperation with international law enforcement while maintaining that legal processes should proceed based on evidence and established judicial mechanisms.



Peru Approves \$2.8 Billion Budget Increase Before Government Transition

Peru approved a \$2.8 billion budget increase ahead of the incoming Fujimori administration to strengthen public spending priorities and maintain fiscal stability during the political transition. The measure supports government continuity while addressing economic and social expenditure commitments before the new administration assumes office.

EU Expands Humanitarian Assistance for Earthquake-Hit Venezuela

The European Union announced an additional €20 million in humanitarian assistance for Venezuela following the recent earthquake. The package supports emergency relief, healthcare, shelter and reconstruction efforts, reinforcing international humanitarian coordination to address the country's growing post-disaster recovery requirements.





Brazil Launches Rural Credit Package to Offset Impact of US Tariffs

Brazil introduced a new rural credit programme to assist agricultural producers affected by higher U.S. tariffs. The financial package seeks to sustain agricultural production, protect export competitiveness and support rural livelihoods while mitigating the economic effects of changing international trade conditions.



Resume USMCA Trade Negotiations

The United States and Mexico resumed negotiations on key USMCA trade issues, focusing on automobiles, metals, market access and regional economic cooperation. The discussions occurred alongside escalating U.S.-Canada trade tensions, highlighting efforts to preserve North American economic integration through continued dialogue.



United States Imposes New Tariffs on Canadian Imports

The United States imposed 50% tariffs on approximately \$20 billion worth of Canadian products, significantly escalating bilateral trade tensions. The measures added pressure on North American trade relations ahead of USMCA negotiations and prompted renewed efforts to resolve outstanding commercial disputes through diplomatic engagement.



Chinese Automakers Expand Market Share in Mexico Despite New Tariffs

Chinese automobile sales in Mexico continued to increase despite newly imposed tariffs, reflecting sustained consumer demand and manufacturers' long-term market strategies. The trend highlights China's growing automotive presence in Latin America and its expanding role in regional manufacturing and supply chains.

United States Delivers First Humanitarian Aid Flight to Cuba

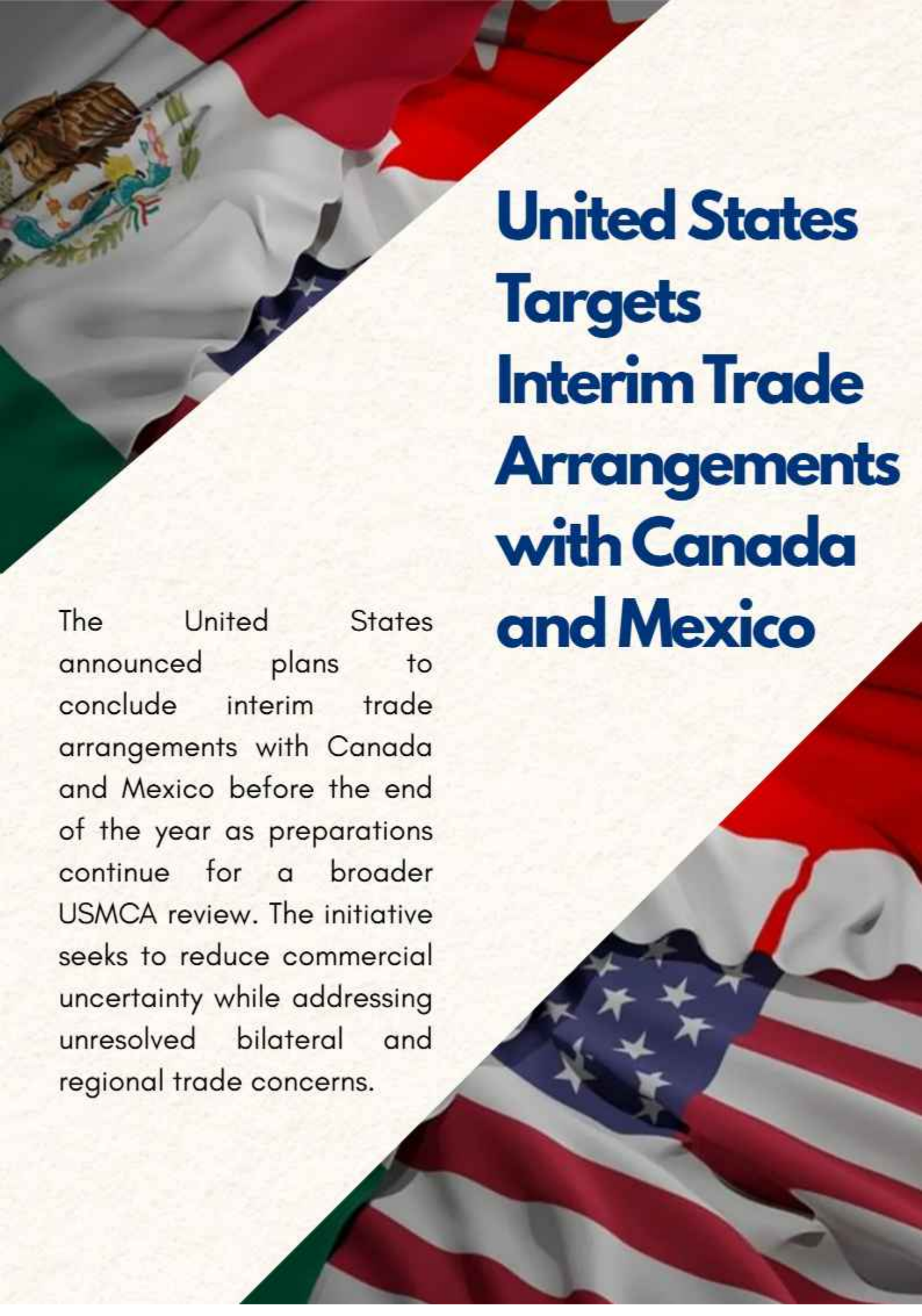
The United States dispatched its first humanitarian relief flight to Cuba under a newly announced assistance package. The initiative provides emergency humanitarian support while maintaining existing political differences, illustrating limited functional cooperation on disaster relief despite broader bilateral tensions.





Bolivia Advances Negotiation for Multi- Billion Dollar IMF Financing

Bolivia announced that negotiations with the International Monetary Fund had advanced toward a financing package worth \$2.5–2.8 billion. The proposed arrangement aims to strengthen macroeconomic stability, support fiscal management and provide external financing amid mounting economic pressures.



United States Targets Interim Trade Arrangements with Canada and Mexico

The United States announced plans to conclude interim trade arrangements with Canada and Mexico before the end of the year as preparations continue for a broader USMCA review. The initiative seeks to reduce commercial uncertainty while addressing unresolved bilateral and regional trade concerns.

IMF Endorses Argentina's Economic Reforms Amid Future Debt Challenges

IMF Managing Director Kristalina Georgieva praised Argentina's economic reform programme while emphasising the importance of sustaining fiscal discipline ahead of significant debt obligations due in 2027. The discussions highlighted continued IMF support alongside the need for macroeconomic stability and structural reforms.





Advance Negotiations on Mercosur Trade Agreement

Brazil and South Korea agreed to accelerate discussions on a Mercosur-South Korea trade agreement aimed at expanding market access, strengthening investment and enhancing economic cooperation. The initiative reflects broader efforts to diversify trade partnerships and deepen economic integration between Latin America and East Asia.



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