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## GERMANY'S MERZ HAS 2 WEEKS TO DELIVER HISTORIC SPENDING REVOLUTION

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Chancellor-in-waiting Friedrich Merz is promising a constitutional revolution to allow Germany to become Europes unlikely big spender □ on arms and infrastructure □ to contend with a new world order in which America is no longer a dependable ally.

To pull off such a sensational U-turn in the way the worlds third-biggest economy traditionally operates, however, he must secure a political consensus by an ultra-tight deadline: March 25, when a new configuration in the Bundestag will make reform difficult.

Its hard to exaggerate the scale of the change Berlin is targeting after U.S. President Donald Trumps withdrawal of military support to Ukraine and his demand that Europe should step in and provide Kyiv with security guarantees against Russia.

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