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## INSIDE MELONI'S PLAN TO SWEET-TALK TRUMP ON TARIFFS

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Giorgia Meloni finally has the chance to demonstrate that befriending the volatile occupant of the White House was worth the effort.

As she flies to Washington this week, the Italian prime minister will try to convince U.S. President Donald Trump not to impose new tariffs that would deliver a severe economic blow to Europe □ and a potentially lethal one to Italian exporters.

Melonis personal engagement with Trump has set nerves jangling in other EU capitals. But as the bloc faces up to a potentially ruinous trade war, even her wariest counterparts are coming round to the idea that she may be the only European leader he is willing to listen to.

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