

*Administration of Donald J. Trump, 2019*

**Remarks Prior to a Meeting With Prime Minister Justin P.J. Trudeau of Canada in Biarritz, France**

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*Prime Minister Trudeau.* Well, it's always a pleasure to sit down with President Trump. We've had some good conversations already, particularly on the global economy. The Canadian and American economy are doing well, partially because of the trading relationship we have and the great work we did.

Quite frankly, around the table, there's a lot of people wanting to make trade deals with each other. And we have a deal that we were able to negotiate that's good for our workers, good for our citizens, good for the middle class. And that's the kind of thing that we need to see more of around the world.

Always a pleasure to talk about a broad range of global issues. And it's good to sit down with you.

*[At this point, Prime Minister Trudeau translated his remarks into French, and no transcript was provided.]*

*President Trump.* So we're going to be significantly expanding our trading relationship when the USMCA gets done and completed. Our farmers love it. The unions love it. The workers love it. Manufacturers love it. Everybody likes it. I think most Democrats like it. So, hopefully, that'll be put to a vote fairly soon.

It's got tremendous support, both, I believe, Democrat and Republican. It has been signed and finalized, essentially, by Canada and, essentially, by Mexico. So we're waiting for that from the United States.

And we have really great support. And it's something—I think it's a very special agreement. And it replaces NAFTA, which is perhaps the worst trade agreement ever done. Certainly within our country, it's the worst. I can think of one worse, but it's not within our country, it's outside of our country; that's the WTO. That's a beauty.

So we're very happy with the agreement, and I congratulate you. I hope it gets done. I guess we should save the congratulations for when they vote, but hopefully, that will be put to a vote pretty soon. Okay?

Thank you very much, everybody. Thank you.

*Prime Minister Trudeau. Merci, tout le monde.*

NOTE: The President spoke at approximately 12:25 p.m. at the Centre de Congrès Bellevue Convention and Exhibition Center.

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