



E.U. Talks of Making Canada First 'Associate Member' as U.S. Ties Weaken

Canada and the European Union have been confronting an increasingly challenging relationship with the United States under President Trump.

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Macron and Carney announce closer France-Canada ties amid Trump tensions

Two leaders meet in French territory off Canada as Ottawa seeks stronger relations with EU while fighting trade war with US



📷 Canadian prime minister Mark Carney (left) and French president Emmanuel Macron in France's territory of Saint-Pierre and Miquelon off Newfoundland, Canada, on Sunday. The two pledged stronger relations between their countries. Photograph: Canadian Press/Shutterstock

The leaders of **France** and Canada have pledged closer ties to grapple with rising geopolitical tensions, climate change and the erosion of democratic values, after they met in a French territory off Canada's Atlantic coast.