

# South American Diplomacy & Trade: Key Summits, Border Disputes, and EU A

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**1. In late 2024, Mercosur foreign ministers agreed to temporarily expand the number of imported goods each member country could exempt from the bloc's Common External Tariff (CET). What is the new limit on these exemptions, and until when will this flexibility last?**

- A) 100 items until December 2027
- B) 150 items until December 2028**
- C) 120 items until December 2026
- D) 200 items until December 2029

**2. A significant border dispute reignited in mid-2025 between Colombia and Peru concerning Santa Rosa Island on the Amazon River. According to historical treaties and Colombian claims, what is the basis of Colombia's argument regarding the island's territorial waters?**

- A) The island was historically granted to Peru in a 1929 treaty that has since been revised.
- B) The 1922 treaty established the border at the deepest point of the Amazon, and changing river levels now place the island on the Colombian side.**
- C) Peru's administrative elevation of the island to district status is a violation of a mutual non-interference pact.
- D) Colombia claims the island based on indigenous land rights recognized in a 2020 regional accord.

**3. The EU and Mercosur reached a political agreement for a partnership on December 6, 2024. When was the European Commission's proposal for the signature and conclusion of the EU-Mercosur Partnership Agreement (EMPA) and the interim Trade Agreement (ITA) adopted?**

- A) September 3, 2025**
- B) January 9, 2026
- C) December 6, 2024
- D) May 1, 2026

**4. The 200th anniversary of the Battle of Ayacucho was commemorated on December 9, 2024. This battle is considered a milestone for which major South American historical event?**

- A) The consolidation of the Gran Colombia federation.
- B) The end of Spanish colonial rule in South America.**
- C) The establishment of the first South American congress.
- D) The unification of the Andes region under one banner.

**5. In March 2025, governors from eleven South American nations mandated the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) to design a regional initiative. What is the name of this program, and what are its three main pillars?**

- A) Andes Connect; Infrastructure, Trade, and Regulation
- B) South Connection; Infrastructure, Logistics, and Regulatory Frameworks**
- C) Mercosur Plus; Trade Facilitation, Digitalization, and Investment
- D) Amazon Gateway; Riverine Transport, Border Security, and Environmental Protection

**6. Brazil is developing five 'bi-oceanic corridors' aimed at connecting its western agricultural regions to the Pacific. Which of these corridors is described as the most promising for utilizing existing river routes to Peru and Colombia for soybean transport?**

- A) The Southern Route
- B) The Capricorn Corridor
- C) The Amazonas Route**
- D) The Northern Integration Route

**7. In December 2025, the 67th MERCOSUR Presidents' Summit was held in Foz do Iguaçu, Brazil. What significant development regarding Bolivia's membership in Mercosur was highlighted during the summit?**

- A) Bolivia officially joined Mercosur as a full member.
- B) The summit discussed the implementation process of Bolivia's Protocol of Accession.**
- C) Bolivia announced its intention to leave Mercosur due to trade disagreements.
- D) A special economic zone was established in Bolivia under Mercosur regulations.

**8. The EU-Mercosur trade deal, provisionally effective from May 1, 2026, aims to reduce trade barriers. What is a key geopolitical factor that significantly pressured the EU to finalize this agreement in 2024-2025?**

- A) The expansion of China's influence in South America.
- B) The imposition of tariffs by the Trump administration, encouraging trade diversification.**
- C) Increased demand for critical minerals from Asian markets.
- D) The resurgence of protectionist policies in Brazil.

**9. In April 2025, Russia celebrated anniversaries of its diplomatic relations with several South American countries. Which of the following countries is NOT among those celebrating 80 years of diplomatic relations with Russia in 2025?**

- A) Bolivia
- B) Venezuela
- C) Ecuador
- D) Colombia**

**10. The International Summit on Sustainability and Environmental Innovation is scheduled to be held in Bogotá from September 9-11, 2025. Which institution, besides CAR Cundinamarca, is listed as a strategic ally for organizing this event?**

- A) The Latin American Integration Association (LAIA)
- B) The Development Bank of Latin America and the Caribbean (CAF)**
- C) The Andean Community (CAN)
- D) The Southern Common Market (Mercosur)

**11. On December 6, 2024, Mercosur and the European Union announced a free trade agreement. Who was the President of the European Commission present at this announcement in Montevideo, Uruguay?**

- A) Josep Borrell
- B) Charles Michel
- C) Ursula von der Leyen**
- D) Jean-Claude Juncker

**12. In 2025, eleven South American nations gathered in Santiago to provide the IDB with a mandate for a regional initiative. Which of the following countries was NOT among the eleven nations that participated in this mandate, according to the provided information?**

- A) Argentina
- B) Brazil
- C) Chile
- D) Mexico**