

South America's Shifting Alliances: Border Disputes, Trade Deals, and Diplomacy

South America Diplomacy · Answer Key · 8 Questions

1. Which South American countries are currently involved in a significant territorial dispute over the Essequibo region, with proceedings before the International Court of Justice (ICJ)?

- A) Colombia and Ecuador
- B) Brazil and Paraguay
- C) Guyana and Venezuela**
- D) Chile and Argentina

2. Recently, Uruguay and Brazil have advanced the ratification of a free trade agreement with which other economic bloc, aiming to expand bi-regional commerce?

- A) The Pacific Alliance
- B) The European Free Trade Association (EFTA)**
- C) The Andean Community of Nations (CAN)
- D) ASEAN

3. Which three South American nations are collaborating on a shared management model for the Paraguay River waterway, focusing on modernization and joint governance?

- A) Argentina, Brazil, and Uruguay
- B) Chile, Peru, and Bolivia
- C) Brazil, Paraguay, and Bolivia**
- D) Colombia, Ecuador, and Peru

4. In early 2026, the presidents of Peru and Chile discussed strengthening ties and cooperating on which key issues affecting both nations?

- A) Maritime resource sharing and fishing quotas
- B) Combating transnational organized crime and irregular migration**
- C) Joint space exploration and satellite technology
- D) Agricultural subsidies and export tariffs

5. A recent report highlights escalating cross-border security issues and a potential trade war between which two neighboring South American countries due to concerns over drug trafficking and political rhetoric?

- A) Brazil and Argentina
- B) Colombia and Ecuador**
- C) Chile and Peru
- D) Uruguay and Paraguay

6. Chile and Argentina have recently signed an agreement to enhance energy cooperation, including plans for increased Argentine exports of natural gas and oil, and the potential reopening of which pipeline?

- A) The Trans-Andean Pipeline
- B) The Bolivia-Brazil Gas Pipeline
- C) The Nord Stream Pipeline
- D) The Neuquén-Biobío Pipeline**

7. Which two South American countries are working to strengthen cooperation on customs modernization and security, following a visit by Brazilian Federal Revenue Service authorities to Peru in May 2026?

- A) Uruguay and Argentina
- B) Peru and Brazil**
- C) Chile and Bolivia
- D) Paraguay and Colombia

8. The International Court of Justice (ICJ) has jurisdiction over Guyana's claim concerning the validity of which historical award that established the boundary with Venezuela?

- A) The Treaty of Tordesillas (1494)
- B) The Arbitral Award of October 3, 1899**
- C) The Treaty of La Paz (1904)
- D) The Treaty of Versailles (1919)