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In the next few weeks, the U.S. President Donald Trump and the Chinese President Xi Jinping could reach a definitive trade agreement. Italy could also find itself in a position to play some kind of bridging role between Beijing and Washington. On March 22, 2019, the President of the Italian Republic Sergio Mattarella met his Chinese counterpart Xi Jinping, in Rome.

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