

## Meloni meets Trump, calls to 'Make the west great again'



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ROME — Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni met with former U.S. President Donald Trump during her recent visit to the United States, expressing strong support for transatlantic cooperation and shared values between Europe and the U.S. During the meeting, Meloni praised Trump's efforts in strengthening Western civilization and

said, "We hope to make the West great again." Her remarks echoed Trump's famous campaign

slogan and underscored Italy's alignment with key Western ideals, including freedom, national sovereignty, and traditional values.

The private meeting, held at Trump's Mar-a-Lago estate in Florida, highlighted the growing rapport between right-leaning leaders in Europe and the former U.S. president. The two discussed global security, energy independence, and the importance of defending Judeo-Christian roots in Western societies.

Meloni's visit comes at a time when the West faces mounting challenges — from economic instability to the war in Ukraine. She emphasized that stronger ties between Europe and the United States are vital for confronting these crises together.

Trump, who is currently the Republican front-runner for the 2024 U.S. presidential election, thanked Meloni for her leadership and commitment to shared values. He referred to her as "a strong and respected leader."

Political analysts see this meeting as a sign of deeper strategic cooperation among conservative leaders, particularly in Europe and North America, who are advocating for nationalist policies and a redefined Western identity.

Meloni's outreach to Trump is also being interpreted as a signal of Italy's intent to play a larger role on the global stage under her leadership.