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CHINA URGES AGAINST 'WEAPONIZING' TRADE AFTER TRUMP THREATENS SPAIN

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China on Wednesday urged countries not to weaponize trade after US President Donald Trump threatened to cut all trade with Spain.

Trump's remarks came after he criticized Madrid for what he called insufficient cooperation on US military bases amid escalating tensions in the Middle East.

The US-Israeli military actions against Iran violate international laws, and trade should not be instrumentalized or weaponized, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Mao Ning told reporters in Beijing, according to state media.

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