

## After COVID conflict, US, China agree to push their trade deal

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Donald Trump and his wife Melania alongside Xi Jinping and Peng Liyuan, First Lady of China. (Photo: The White House)

The success of Phase I of the China-U.S. trade deal was discussed and prioritized by the top negotiators of both countries, who recently pledged to strengthen their commitment to this mission, the US administration reported on Monday, through a statement.

Following an escalation of tension between the governments of Xi Jinping and Donald Trump, driven by the lack of transparency about the origin of COVID-19, the situation in Hong Kong and the sale of the social network TikTok, an application that is the subject of multiple accusations by the US, by ensuring that it is a method of espionage for the benefit of Beijing, both powers decided to resume dialogue from last Thursday, the Chinese Ministry of Commerce said.

The Infobae portal noted that the statement issued also states that "Both parties agreed to create the conditions and atmosphere to continue advancing the implementation of the first phase of the Chinese-American economic and trade agreement."

U.S. Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer also noted that both sides focused on the issue of ensuring greater protection of human rights and intellectual property, therefore "discussing the steps China had taken to make structural changes".

For its part, China's Ministry of Commerce listed the exchange of ideas as "a constructive dialogue on strengthening the coordination of the macroeconomic policies of the two countries".

The China-U.S. agreement was signed in January 2020, after nearly two years of trade war. At that time, the Asian giant argued that it would purchase an additional \$200 billion in U.S. goods and services.

However, this first promise, among others, which was agreed, has not been fully fulfilled because of the pandemic, the main fact that halted international trade, and the Chinese regime's multiple human rights violations.

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