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## **President Trump Invites President Santos to the White House**

**Washington, DC** – President Donald J. Trump and President Juan Manuel Santos will meet in Washington on May 18 at the White House, the Administration announced today.

The two leaders are expected to discuss a wide range of issues on the bilateral agenda, including the strategic security alliance, implementation of Colombia's historic Peace Agreement, trade and investment opportunities and ways to strengthen and expand bilateral ties on issues of importance to both countries.

The government of Colombia is honored President Trump has extended an invitation to President Santos. The two presidents have had the chance to speak on a number of occasions already, and President Santos welcomes this next opportunity to strengthen the special bond the two nations share. Colombia is the strongest U.S. ally in Latin America, and this meeting will be critical to further strengthening the partnership.

While in Washington, President Santos will also meet with Vice President Mike Pence and other Administration officials, as well as with Speaker of the House Paul Ryan (R-WI) and other members of the House and Senate leadership, business community leaders and representatives from think tanks.

In addition, on May 17, President Santos will deliver keynote remarks at a dinner, where a report developed by the Atlantic Council's *Colombia Peace and Prosperity Task Force* will be officially released. Co-chaired by Senators Roy Blunt (R-MO) and Ben Cardin (D-MD), the Task Force will issue recommendations on the roadmap for the future of the U.S.-Colombia partnership.

On May 18, President Santos will participate in the Binational Business Summit of the first-ever U.S.-Colombia Business Council, a new official platform between the U.S. and Colombian governments, similar to the bilateral U.S. business councils with Mexico, Japan and Brazil. Organized by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and the National Business Association of Colombia, the event will bring together a select group of CEOs from leading U.S. and Colombian companies committed to advancing bilateral economic relations.

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