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DGIC joins the rest of the U.S. in recognizing [#MemorialDay](#) today. For this reason, our offices will remain closed.

Initially called "Decoration Day", as it is designated for decorating the graves of fallen soldiers with flowers and flags, this holiday has a variety of claimed origins. Some of them trace back to times before the American Civil War.

Over time, Memorial Day evolved to honor all American military personnel who have died in service to their country.

Today, many celebrate Memorial Day by gathering for picnics, barbecues, parades, and other outdoor activities, symbolizing the arrival of the summer season.

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☀ Moving forward with our weekly introductions, we want you to meet our current intern, Hannes Zehnle! Hannes has been supporting the Delegation since May and will be working with us until early October. #MeetTheTeam

🌐 Born in Bolivia, raised in Peru and Ecuador, and having completed his undergraduate studies in Germany, Hannes embodies the zeitgeist of globalization. His intercultural upbringing boosted his early interest in international relations and global politics, which led him to obtain a bachelors degree from the University of Konstanz in Politics and Public Administration.

📄💻 As an intern, Hannes' tasks can vary from day to day and depend on the projects that are most urgent. His regular tasks include research for various projects, support with administrative matters, and event organization.

🏈💡 His passion for football led him to start a podcast last year in Berlin together with two of his close friends. The podcast comes out on a weekly basis and is available on Spotify.

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