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Title: **El Salvador: New era of US bilateral cooperation**
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Summary:
US Secretary of State Marco Rubio met El Salvador President Nayib Bukele on 3 February, where Bukele agreed to repatriate and incarcerate deportees, including from other countries. He also proposed to accommodate incarcerated US citizens and legal residents in El Salvador's mega-prison. s 33(a)(iii)

US Secretary of State Marco Rubio on 3 February met with El Salvador President Nayib Bukele as part of an inaugural diplomatic tour across Central America. Secretary Rubio framed his engagement around the fields of security, energy, and commerce. Migration was a key focus and President Bukele agreed to the repatriation of undocumented Salvadoran nationals and to incarcerate undocumented deportees from other countries.

2. In an unprecedented move, Bukele also proposed, in exchange for a fee, to accommodate incarcerated US citizens and legal residents in El Salvador's mega-prison, CECOT — the largest facility of its kind in Latin America, with a capacity to hold 40,000 inmates. s 33(a)(iii)

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President Nayib Bukele's administration has entered into s 33(a)(iii)
agreement with the U.S. government to accept deportees not only from El Salvador but also from other countries. The deal includes housing these individuals in El Salvador's mega-prison, CECOT

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Background

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The repatriation and incarceration of deportees from the United States, and Bukele's offer to accommodate incarcerated US citizens and legal residents in El Salvador's mega-prison, has attracted criticism for the potential for human rights violations, including from the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights.

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