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Trump Tariff Pause Welcomed By World Leaders But China Tensions Mount

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President Donald Trump's decision to pause reciprocal tariffs on most countries for 90 days was welcomed by world leaders Thursday, while tensions between the U.S. and China remained heightened.

Trump announced a 90-day pause for countries that were set to be hit with levies above 10% in a post on Truth Social Wednesday. But at the same time he announced tariffs on China would be hiked to 125%, effective immediately.

The baseline 10% tariff for all trading partners, that went into effect on April 5, will remain in place, a White House official clarified. Levies on steel, aluminum and other goods will also stay in effect.