



**Conversation with Josep Borrell**  
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On March 11, **Josep Borrell**, Minister of Foreign Affairs, European Union and Cooperation, was the protagonist of the series *Dialogues on Competitiveness, Productivity and Internationalization of the Spanish Economy of AmChamSpain*.

During his speech, the Minister reviewed the Spanish economy and recalled that **growth has been above the average of the European Union for 5 consecutive years**. Borrell made reference to the favorable position of Spain in terms of trade, "we have a surplus in international trade and have witnessed a spectacular internationalization of our economy." The minister defended the **importance of the relationship between the United States and Spain**, especially for Spain's prosperity and the world economy.

With regard to investment, despite the current territorial conflict that "has damaged the country's image and withdrawn investment," **Spain is a healthy country, endowed with excellent infrastructures and infinite public security**. For Borrell, "Spain is not a country where investor should be afraid" because it counts on a highly qualified workforce and it's judicial system is no less secure than that of any other Western country.

The event concluded with a round of questions regarding the role that the European Union and Spain should play to strengthen its economy and international prestige. In this context, Borrell emphasized **the need to take advantage of the investment opportunities presented by developing countries** and "be at the level of what the world expects from a country like Spain."

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