
ITALY CHOSE A PRESIDENT FOR STABILITY. IT MAY NOT LAST LONG

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Italys political dream team is staying put, but the supporting cast is threatening to shatter the fantasy.

On Thursday, Italian President Sergio Mattarella was sworn in for a second term after being reelected over the weekend □ despite his protests. The pitch that won him over: Italy cant afford to fracture now.

Keeping Mattarella in his post, the argument went, would allow Prime Minister Mario Draghi, a leading candidate for president, to also stay in his job. That meant Draghi could hold together his governing coalition, avoid destabilizing early elections and guide Italy through a pandemic recovery.

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