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**RUBIO 'REASSURES' EU IN MUNICH, STILL TRUMPETS FAR-RIGHT VALUES**

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The EUs political elite gave a standing ovation and breathed relief after a US message of reassurance in Munich, even though it was larded with far-right tropes.

Our home may be in the western hemisphere, but we will always be a child of Europe, said US secretary of state Marco Rubio at the Munich Security Conference (MSC) in Germany on Saturday (14 February), prompting applause.

He reeled off the names of historic European figures, such as Dante, Shakespeare, and Columbus.

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