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However, the offer has been met with skepticism by Islamabad, which has been seeking more substantive aid to help it deal with its economic challenges.

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