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Both Trump and his predecessor Joe Biden have been trying for years to force TikTok's Chinese parent company, ByteDance, to sell its US operations on national security grounds.

The BBC has reached out to TikTok and Microsoft for comment. Later, TikTok chose rival Oracle as a potential partner - although that deal also never happened.

Trump has previously said that he was in discussions with several parties about purchasing TikTok and expects to make a decision on the app's future within the next 30 days.

Earlier on Monday, the US president addressed a gathering of Republican politicians in Florida and spoke about the proposed sale of TikTok.

"We'll see what happens. We're going to have a lot of people bidding on it," he said.

"If we can save all that voice and all the jobs, and China won't be involved, we don't want China involved, but we'll see what happens," he added.