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We have an integrated international financial system and, if we have learned anything from the last couple of hundred years, an international financial system is prone to crises. We do not know where the crises are likely to come from, but we do know what some of the sources of weakness are, both in theory and in practice. Our world is now one of very high level of gross financial flows. These hold the potential for a loss of confidence that then raises liquidity questions, for there is no amount of liquidity that can deal with a generalized loss of confidence. The catalyst for such a loss of confidence is impossible to predict – few would have seen the subprime portion of the American mortgage market as a likely candidate in 2006. However, from China to the American stock market to Latin America to Europe and beyond, there are plenty of possible candidate. Underlining the risks are the fact that today we have an administration in Washington that is not committed to the current international institutional structure, and may well not be willing or able to work together with our financial and trading partners should difficulties break out. I worry that, when the next crisis comes, intervention by the major powers, and in particular by the US, will be more destructive than constructive.