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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 2) / Council
Subject:	Joint Statement with the United States of America in the framework of the EU-US Trade and Technology Council - Authorisation to negotiate a non-binding instrument

1. The EU-US Trade and Technology Council (TTC), established by leaders at the EU-US Summit on 15 June 2021, met for the first time in Pittsburgh on 29 September 2021. The second meeting of the EU-US TTC was held in Paris-Saclay on 16 May 2022, the third one in Washington, D.C., on 5 December 2022; and the fourth one in Luleå, Sweden, on 30-31 May.
2. On 9 November 2023, the European Commission informed the Permanent Representatives Committee of the intention to enter negotiations on a non-binding instrument in the form of a Joint Statement with the United States of America in the framework of the EU-US TTC¹. This Joint Statement could be approved at the next meeting of the EU-US TTC which is tentatively scheduled to take place in December (exact date still to be decided) in the United States of America.
3. The intention is to use this Joint Statement, among other things, to reaffirm the political commitment of the EU and the US to the TTC and to underline the importance of close EU-

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US cooperation on trade and technology related matters, while building on the outcome of previous meetings of the EU-US TTC.

4. The European Commission will regularly inform the Permanent Representatives Committee as well as the relevant committees and working parties of the progress made in the negotiations on a Joint Statement.
5. It is understood that the Commission will revert to the Council at the end of the negotiations to obtain, in accordance with Union law, an authorisation from the Council for the approval, on behalf of the Union, of a non-binding instrument in the form of a Joint Statement that should result from the negotiations.
6. In view of the above, the Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to:
 - confirm its agreement for the European Commission to enter negotiations on a Joint Statement with the United States of America in the framework of the EU-US TTC; and
 - invite the Council to approve as an ‘A’ item at a forthcoming meeting the launch of negotiations on a Joint Statement with the United States of America in the framework of the EU-US TTC.
