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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.
2. On 2 February 2022, the European Commission informed the Permanent Representatives Committee of the intention to enter into negotiations on a non-binding instrument in the form of a Joint Statement with the United States of America in the framework of the TCC¹. This declaration could be approved at the next TCC meeting scheduled for the spring of 2022.

¹ ST 5908/22

3. The Joint Statement should, among other things, highlight, in line with the EU-US Summit Statement of 15 June 2021 and the Joint Statement of the Council for Trade and Technology of 29 September 2021, the importance of close cooperation between the EU and the US on trade and technology issues, and reaffirm the objective of coordinating their approaches to key global trade, economic and technological issues and to deepen transatlantic trade and economic relations based on common democratic values.
4. The European Commission will have to regularly inform the relevant committees and working parties as well as the Permanent Representatives Committee of the progress made and will have to revert to the Council at the end of the negotiations in order to obtain, in accordance with Union law, authorisation from the Council for the approval, on behalf of the Union, of the non-binding instrument that should result from the negotiations.
5. In view of the above, the Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to:
 - confirm its agreement for the European Commission to enter into negotiations on a Joint Statement with the United States of America in the framework of the 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 TCC.