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From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Delegations

Subject: Intention to negotiate a non-binding instrument (NBI) in the form of a Joint Statement with the United States of America in the framework of the EU-US Trade and Technology Council

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Delegations will find attached a note from the Commission on the intention to negotiate a non-binding instrument (NBI) in the form of a Joint Statement with the United States of America in the framework of the EU-US Trade and Technology Council.

Notice of intention to issue a Joint Statement at the meeting of the next EU-US Trade and Technology Council

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The Commission would like to inform of the intention to draw up a Joint Statement in the context of the next meeting of the EU-US Trade and Technology Council, which is tentatively scheduled to take place on 30-31 May 2023 in Sweden. The Commission will engage on this with the US on behalf of the EU.

The Commission intends to follow the inter-institutional arrangement for non-binding instruments (NBI), starting with this early notice in the preparatory phase of the draft Joint Statement.

The intention is to use the EU-US Joint Statement to:

- reaffirm the political commitment of the EU and US to the Trade and Technology Council;
- underline the importance of a close EU-US cooperation on trade and technology related matters to strengthen bilateral trade and investment, to promote the technology leadership and to cooperate on global economic, environmental and security challenges;
- reflect decisions for further cooperation as well as actions taken to implement the decisions of previous Trade and Technology Council meetings.

The Commission will seek endorsement by the Council of the above-mentioned Joint Statement, according to the applicable procedures. The Commission continues to be committed to do its utmost to respect the timelines foreseen in the agreed arrangement of the NBI procedure. The Commission will maintain the Council informed of the work with the US through the relevant Council Working Groups and Committees, including COREPER, the Trade Policy Committee and Working Party on Telecommunications and Information Society.
