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#### **NOTE**

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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 2)
Subject:	Preparation of the EU-US Trade and Technology Council (Luleå, 30-31 May 2023): draft joint statement = Exchange of views = Preparation for the approval of an NBI

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1. At the Summit of 15 June 2021, the leaders of the European Union and the United States established the EU-US Trade and Technology Council (TTC). The fourth meeting of the EU-US TTC at the ministerial level will be held on 30-31 May 2023 in Luleå, Sweden.
2. On 4 April 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 US in the framework of the EU-US TTC<sup>1</sup>. On 25 April, the Council gave its authorisation to the Commission to negotiate a non-binding instrument<sup>2</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> ST 8130/23

<sup>2</sup> ST 8131/23

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-US cooperation on trade and technology related matters, while building on the outcome of previous meetings of the EU-US TTC.
4. As decided on 12 January 2022<sup>3</sup>, the Permanent Representatives Committee ensures the overall coordination and consistency of the work on the EU-US TTC within the Council.
5. On 19 April 2023, the Permanent Representatives Committee took stock of preparations for the fourth meeting of the EU-US TTC. On 3 May, the Commission circulated the text of the draft joint statement, as contained in document ST 8992/23. The matter was discussed by the Trade Policy Committee (Full Members, Deputies, and Experts - Services and Investment), the Working Party on Telecommunications and Information Society, the Working Party on Competitiveness and Growth (Industry and Internal Market), the Horizontal Working Party on Cyber Issues, the Working Party on Dual-Use Goods and the Working Party on Transatlantic Relations. The outcome of these discussions as well as written comments submitted by delegations are to be taken into consideration in the drafting of a revised text of the draft joint statement (ST 8992/1/23 REV 1) that is expected to be circulated by the Commission before 24 May.
6. In view of the above, the Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to discuss further preparations for the fourth meeting of the EU-US TTC and the draft joint statement, and, in the light of that discussion, consider to:
- confirm the agreement on the text of the draft joint statement, as contained in document ST 8992/1/23 REV 1;
  - invite the Council to approve this text as an ‘A’ item at a forthcoming meeting; and
  - recommend that the Council agree that, if adjustments of the text are required to ensure the agreement of both sides, the text may be adapted accordingly provided that the changes do not affect the substance and the intent of the text.

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<sup>3</sup> ST 5120/22