

59th Meeting of the Transatlantic Legislators' Dialogue
European Parliament - United States Congress
Interparliamentary Meeting
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Chairmens' Statement

Members of the European Parliament and the United States House of Representatives held their 59th interparliamentary meeting in Washington, June 24 – June 27, 2005. Our sessions were marked by lively, constructive discussions on a wide range of political and economic issues.

The participants discussed the recently-concluded Summit between the leaders of the European Union and the United States. They noted with gratification the interest in their Dialogue that was reflected in the Summit's concluding declaration on enhancing transatlantic economic integration and growth. We welcome the encouragement to enhance our dialogue of both administrations and we endeavour to achieve this by:

- Continuing to meet twice yearly, including at least once in the country holding the Presidency of the Council of the European Union, for detailed discussions on economic policy and regulatory matters;
- Holding one such meeting shortly before the annual United States-European Union summit;
- Continuing to keep colleagues in our respective institutions informed about the views of our counterparts in the Dialogue;
- Bringing legislators' perspectives to the attention of the Summit participants through methods to be agreed with the two Administrations;
- Increasing our cooperation with other Dialogues established under the New Transatlantic Agenda;

- Being appropriately involved in the Regulatory Cooperation Forum established by the Summit.

Participants also noted and welcomed the recent creation of the EU caucus within the U.S. House of Representatives.

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