



86th EU-US Inter-Parliamentary Meeting
TRANSATLANTIC LEGISLATORS' DIALOGUE
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JOINT STATEMENT

We, the members of the European Parliament and the U.S. House of Representatives, held our 86th Inter-Parliamentary Meeting of the Transatlantic Legislators' Dialogue (TLD) in Stockholm on 16 and 17 June 2023. We were graciously hosted by the Swedish Riksdag, Members of which joined our discussions. Conscious of the enormous geopolitical challenges currently confronting the international rules-based order, and resolute to show ambition and leadership to address them, we agreed on the following points:

Russia's brutal and unprovoked invasion of **Ukraine** must be repelled. Russia must be soundly and decisively defeated in this war of aggression so that peace, prosperity, stability, and liberty may prosper in Europe and worldwide. We condemn in the strongest terms Russia's innumerable, genocidal war crimes committed against the people of Ukraine, (including rape, murder, torture), the targeting of civilian infrastructure, the abduction of Ukrainian civilians, including children, and more.

We call for the continuation of the good EU-US coordination on effective international **sanctions** on Russia and on those who facilitate its aggression. The EU and the US should continue to work together with Ukraine to support its reform process and to develop a long-term reconstruction plan.



These should create conditions, including adequate guarantees for private sector involvement, conducive to more investment in Ukraine for the benefit of all regions of Ukraine. We fully support Ukraine's EU integration perspective.

We salute the historic accession of Finland to **NATO** as well as the strengthening of NATO's entire Eastern flank. We stress that Sweden's accession to NATO must be complete before the NATO Leaders' Summit in Vilnius next month. Sweden will be a strong, worthy ally as a member of NATO and will enhance the collective security of the alliance. We believe it is critical by the Vilnius summit to create a clear path when conditions allow to NATO membership for Ukraine, and until then, determine strong security guarantees to deter future Russian aggression. We welcome the effective coordination between the EU and NATO and call on them to further operationalise it in areas such as the protection of critical infrastructure.

The EU and the US are increasingly converging on the need to incorporate de-risking into our respective relationships with the People's Republic of **China** (PRC) to preserve our independence of technological innovation and supply of critical materials, while continuing to cooperate where appropriate as it relates to global challenges. We unequivocally condemn the PRC's flagrant record of ongoing human rights violations, its increasing efforts of economic and trade coercion and support to non-democratic regimes. We call on the PRC to stop its assistance to Russia on the war in Ukraine and reaffirm the EU and US' firm commitment to peace and stability in the Taiwan Strait.

We stress the importance of transatlantic joint efforts in reaching out to countries of the Global South and reinforcing our capacity of partnership, commitment to democratic values and to a rules based international order.

We support the Trade and Technology Council (**TTC**) as an important vehicle for EU-US cooperation on trade and tech issues to deliver results for workers and companies alike on both sides of the



Atlantic. We encourage the EU and the US to conclude an agreement on critical minerals also as an opportunity to address outstanding transatlantic issues in the context of the Inflation Reduction Act. It should also work to maintain our transatlantic technological edge and keep artificial intelligence and other emerging technologies anchored in our democratic standards and human rights and to fight malign external disinformation and manipulation campaigns.

We stress the importance of jointly reinforcing our readiness against malign usage of technological advancements that seek to harm our shared interest. We underscore that the U.S. and EU must work together to strengthen democratic principles and good governance where it is being challenged around the globe.

We reaffirm our shared commitment to ensure that:

- Democracy prevails over authoritarianism;
- Free and fair markets prevail over command economies; and
- Freedom prevails over oppression.

We call for the release of journalist Evan Gershkovich who is being wrongfully detained by the Russian authorities in a blatant case of arbitrary detention and condemn the worrying trend of hostage diplomacy practiced by Russia, as well as the PRC and Iran.

We believe that history has shown that the world is safer when the bond between the United States and European Union is stronger. When we unite in defense of our shared values, we cannot be defeated.

We recognize the importance of regular meetings of the Transatlantic Legislators' Dialogue. We believe that continued and enhanced strategic and policy dialogue between the U.S. Congress and European Parliament is key to finding solutions to our common challenges for the benefit of all of



the freedom-loving citizens that we represent in our respective legislative bodies. We look forward to our next meeting, scheduled for December 2023 in the United States.

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