



**Third meeting of the EU-United Kingdom Parliamentary Partnership Assembly
3-4 July 2023**

European Parliament, Brussels

STATEMENT BY THE CO-CHAIRS

The EU - United Kingdom Parliamentary Partnership Assembly (PPA) held its third meeting in Brussels on 3-4 July 2023 under the joint chairmanship of Ms Nathalie Loiseau (Renew, France) and Sir Oliver Heald (Conservative Party, House of Commons).

We, the Co-Chairs, would like to thank European Parliament's President Metsola for her kind address and her recognition of the work and the important role of this Assembly.

During the first session, members had the opportunity to exchange views with the Co-Chairs of the Trade and Cooperation Agreement Partnership Council and the Withdrawal Agreement Joint Committee, European Commission Vice-President Maroš Šefčovič, and the United Kingdom Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, the Rt Hon James Cleverly MP.

The Assembly also discussed the future of foreign and security policy, including in the framework of the European Political Community, with the Rt Hon Lord Mandelson and Ms Angelina Eichhorst, Managing Director for Europe, European External Action Service.

In order to facilitate informal discussions amongst members, the Assembly held three break out groups on the following issues:

- Mobility of persons
- Climate and energy
- Twinning and civil society cooperation

The key points raised in these discussions have been compiled in a document ([link to the document](#)), noting that these points do not reflect the position of the Assembly as a whole. These points will be shared with the Partnership Council and the relevant committees in each Parliament.

During the second session, members exchanged views on the common effort to support Ukraine and on sanctions with Mr David O'Sullivan, International Special Envoy for the Implementation of EU Sanctions and Ms Catriona Mace, Foreign and Development Policy Director, UK Mission to the

European Union. They adopted a recommendation to the Partnership Council on this area. The PPA calls on the EU and the UK to continue to work closely together, and with the international community, in support to Ukraine, and to maintain a strong unity in ensuring the effective implementation of the sanctions. It requests the EU and the UK to report in writing to the PPA in advance of its next meeting as to how the parties have continued cooperating in support of Ukraine and its people.

Finally, members discussed cooperation on trade and industrial policy, including the response to the US Inflation Reduction Act, with Lord Johnson, Minister for Investment at the Department for Business and Trade, and Mr Richard Szostak, Director for Western European Partners, at the European Commission.

We look forward to continuing our constructive and open dialogue during our fourth meeting, which will take place in London on 4-5 December 2023.



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