

EN

E-005609/2020

Answer given by Executive Vice-President Dombrovskis  
on behalf of the European Commission  
(25.2.2021)

The Commission remains convinced that the World Trade Organization (WTO) disputes on aircrafts can only be settled through a balanced negotiated solution, and is pursuing every opportunity to engage with the United States (US) on this issue. It is with that objective that the EU, since 2019, has repeatedly made constructive proposals to the US to agree on a fair and balanced settlement on the current disputes, as well as on future disciplines for subsidies in the large civil aircraft sector. The Commission regrets that on 30 December 2020 the previous US administration chose to add further EU products to its retaliation list. Such US action unilaterally disrupted the ongoing negotiations to find a long-standing solution.

As set out in its Communication of 2 December 2020, settling these disputes through negotiation remains a priority for the Commission<sup>1</sup>.

The Commission intends to engage early with the Biden Administration to find a lasting solution of the aircraft dispute and agree on future subsidy disciplines.

---

<sup>1</sup> JOIN(2020) 22 final - Joint Communication: A new EU-US agenda for global change  
[https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/info/files/joint-communication-eu-us-agenda\\_en.pdf](https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/info/files/joint-communication-eu-us-agenda_en.pdf)