

Question for written answer E-005493/2021

to the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy

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Subject: European Parliament proposal on the creation of a transatlantic political council

On 6 October 2021, the European Parliament adopted a resolution in plenary on the future of EU-US relations (2021/2038(INI)). In paragraph 92 of that resolution, Parliament 'recalls its suggestion to create a Transatlantic Political Council (TPC) for systematic consultation and coordination on foreign and security policy, which would be led by the VP/HR and the US Secretary of State and underpinned by regular contact with political directors'.

The same suggestion was made in earlier resolutions on the same subject (26 March 2009¹, 13 June 2013² and 12 September 2018)³.

The transatlantic political council would tackle not only security and defence issues, but also wider foreign policy matters, unlike the more specific recently agreed EU-US dialogue on security and defence⁴.

What view does the Vice-President / High Representative take of Parliament's repeated proposal that a transatlantic political council be established?

¹ P6_TA(2009)0192.

² P7_TA(2013)0280.

³ P8_TA(2018)0342.

⁴ https://eeas.europa.eu/headquarters/headquarters-homepage/108372/eu-us-joint-statement-secretary-state-united-states-america-and-eu-high-representative_en