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The meeting opened at 15.00 on Wednesday, 10 May 2023, with Radosław Sikorski (Chair) presiding. Miapetra Kumpula-Natri (Vice-Chair) presided from 15.35 onwards and Billy Kelleher (Vice-Chair) presided from 15.50 until the end of the meeting.

1. Adoption of the draft agenda

The draft agenda was adopted.

2. Adoption of the draft minutes of the meeting of 19 April 2023

The draft minutes were adopted without changes.

3. Communications by the Chair

The Chair announced that preparations are underway for the 86th Inter-Parliamentary Meeting of the Transatlantic Legislators' Dialogue, which would take place in Stockholm on 16 and 17 June 2023.

4. Exchange of views with Dr Daniel S. Hamilton, Senior non-resident Fellow at the Brookings Institution, Senior Fellow at the Foreign Policy Institute of Johns Hopkins University SAIS, President of the Transatlantic Leadership Network, and President of the Atlantic Basin Initiative on the Transatlantic economy and the prospects for a robust Transatlantic partnership

Dr Hamilton used data from the latest Transatlantic Economy 2023 report to make the point that despite the recent focus on dependence on China, the transatlantic commercial relationship is still the biggest, strongest and most important in the world. This is all the more so when one moves beyond trade in goods to consider trade in services, including the digital economy, and when one factors in investment flows. It has also been a growing relationship breaking record numbers in the last two years.

The speaker focussed on the unexploited potential for clean technology initiatives, which could ensure that the dependence on Russian fossil fuels will not be replaced by a future dependence on China's critical raw materials. Dr Hamilton has been proposing the idea of a "Transatlantic Clean Tech Alliance" (TACTA), saying that clean tech innovators are not yet included in the policymaking debate despite being the future solution to the energy independence challenge. In terms of other major EU-US priorities, Dr Hamilton noted the following:

- i. For Ukraine to win, recover and be integrated into the European Union.
- ii. To focus on collective and forward-looking resilience to secure the European neighbourhood.
- iii. To bind the EU and the US together strategically with a political pledge on mutual assistance and solidarity.
- iv. Exercise European strategic responsibility by strengthening EU capabilities and spending wisely, in order to deter Russia but also to be a first responder to crises in the periphery.
- v. To establish a formal link between the US Senate and the European Parliament.

Questions by Members focussed on Ukraine, the US Inflation Reduction Act (IRA), on how the US views the future of the international trading system, on the tax footprint between the EU and the US, and on the institutionalisation of the EU-US Trade and Technology Council (TTC).

In his answers the speaker said that the IRA should not be seen in isolation from the other key US legislative acts passed on infrastructure, chips and the rescue plan, all of which have an agenda which strengthens the US economy by both protecting, but also, by opening and promoting. The speaker argued that this was not very different to what the EU does with its own recent legislation. On tax, the speaker said that US companies do not only invest in certain Member States just for the tax benefits, but also for numerous non-tax related reasons. On the TTC, he said that it was a useful structure set up to avoid or solve disputes, but it needs more deliverables and that these are made known also to the US Congress.

5. Any other business

None.

6. Date and time of the next meeting

The next meeting was scheduled to take place during the June 2023 Plenary session in Strasbourg.

The meeting closed at 16:03.

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Dr. Daniel S. Hamilton (by remote connection)

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