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The Honorable Rex Tillerson  
Secretary of State  
United States of America

*Dear Rex,*

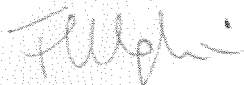
The many challenges that we face globally continue to underscore the importance of transatlantic cooperation as a cornerstone of our security, stability and prosperity.

Further to my letter of 22 February 2017 and on the occasion of your forthcoming visit to Brussels, I would like to invite you to join me and the European Union Foreign Ministers for lunch on 5 December 2017 to discuss our cooperation together. I suggest that, prior to lunch, we hold a bilateral meeting to allow us to touch upon issues more suitably addressed in such a format.

On a separate but related issue, I know from our previous correspondence how much importance we both attach to transatlantic cooperation in the area of energy and energy security and to the EU-US Energy Council as the framework in which we can discuss these issues. Therefore, I would like to take this opportunity to invite you to propose dates when you and US Secretary of Energy Perry would be available for a meeting of the EU-US Energy Council in the early part of next year. I will then work with my colleagues in the European Commission to agree concrete dates with you as soon as is possible.

I look forward to meeting with you on 5 December.

Yours sincerely,



Federica Mogherini