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**SPEAKING POINTS**

**Subject: EU-US Energy Council**

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- **This is the first formal meeting of the EU-US Energy Council under the Trump Administration [REDACTED]  
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- **There are clearly many areas of common interest although there are also some areas of concern such the regrettable US withdrawal from the Paris Agreement.**
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- **Similar to previous EU-US Energy Council meetings, the discussions are then broken into two main blocks; the first on energy security and the second on energy infrastructure, innovation and transitions.**

***1. Energy Security***

- **Under Energy security, we believe that three themes could come up in the discussions.**
- **Firstly, energy policy and markets. Under this theme, we would imagine that there could be discussions on:**
- **LNG – where the US would be keen to underline their growing role on the world LNG market and the potential for further exports to the EU. Both sides are likely to raise the question of**



- **And a third theme could be co-operation on energy vulnerable regions, where there could be an interest for us to promote the external dimension of the EU "Clean Energy for Islands" initiative given, in particular, the US experience in Puerto Rico. This theme could also include discussions on energy access issues related to Africa.**

- The second major block of discussions could centre around energy infrastructures, innovation and transitions.
- A first theme could be infrastructure modernisation and resilience, which are issues of concern on both sides of the Atlantic. This could allow a general discussion around issues such as electricity market design, system resilience and cybersecurity.
- A second theme could be clean energy innovation and other technology co-operation which could cover exchanges on clean energy policies relating to renewable energies and energy efficiency as well as bilateral and multilateral co-operation on energy technologies. We could imagine also conversations related to the recent Mission Innovation and Clean Energy Ministerial for example.
- And a final theme on engagement with industry where a first high level discussion could be held about how to best engage industry, and possibly also academia and think tanks, into the work of the EU-US Energy Council – possibly by holding an event in the margins of a future Ministerial meeting.
- The meeting would then conclude with each of the Principals making very short concluding remarks.
- There is no Joint Statement planned for this meeting.

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