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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



• 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, <u>energy policy and markets</u>. 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

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Diversification — where the joint priority of the completion of the Southern Gas Corridor and the development of key PCI's are likely to be discussed, as well as the potential of the eastern Mediterranean and North Africa.
The importance of continuing close contacts on sanctions – particularly to avoid unintended consequences and to protect EU interests.
Secondly, <u>on Ukraine</u> , we will stress the importance of continued joint messaging to Ukraine on the need for further energy sector reforms, including the unbundling of Naftogas
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We would also question the US on the issue of energy security contingency planning with Ukraine, where we had a very successful joint exercise together with Canada some years ago

• 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.

2. Energy infrastructure, innovation and transitions

- The second major block of discussions could centre around energy infrastructures, innovation and transitions.
- A first theme could be <u>infrastructure modernisation and</u> <u>resilience</u>, 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 <u>clean energy innovation and other</u> <u>technology co-operation</u> 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 <u>engagement with industry</u> 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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