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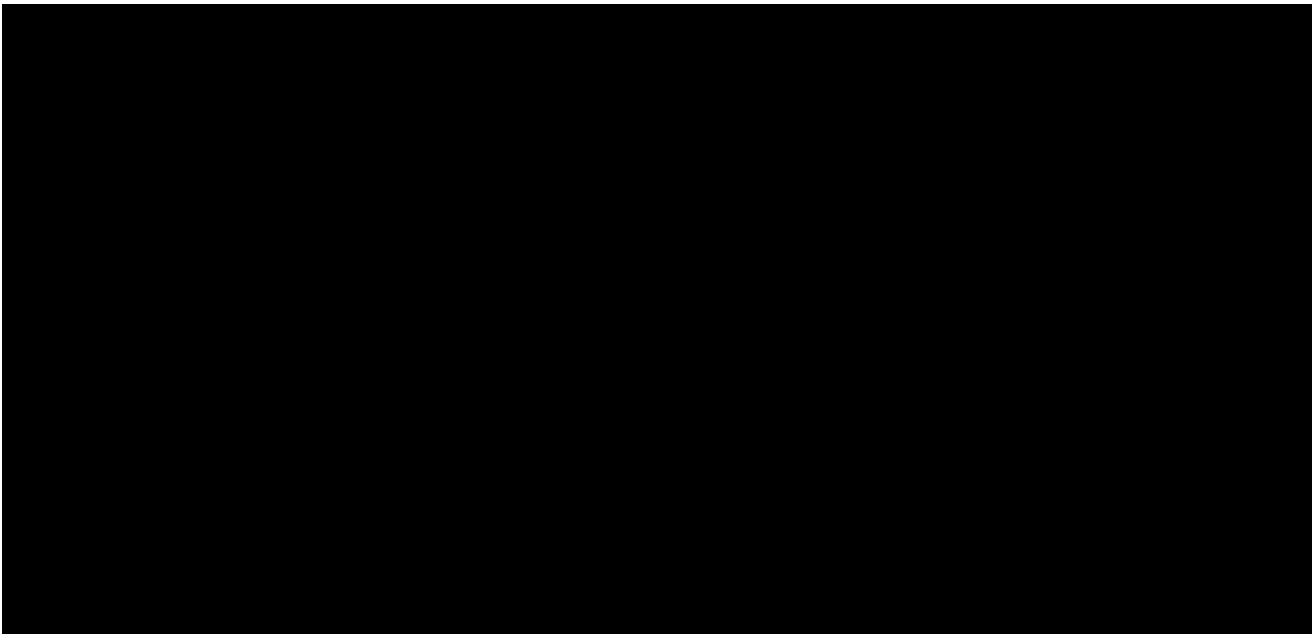
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Dear [REDACTED],

Thanks for our useful discussion today on transatlantic cooperation issues related to climate change. As agreed, I'd like to follow up with you on the issue of how we engage with the US on this issue within the EU-US Energy Council, particularly with the upcoming change of administration.

Prior to the Energy Council meeting that was supposed to take place in Washington DC on 23 Oct (but postponed by the US side), we put forward your suggestion of a Climate Change Working Group under the Energy Policy Working Group, but did not conclude discussions with the State Department because of the postponement. Before the rescheduling of the Energy Council meeting, possibly in early May, we have an opportunity to look again at what would be the best setting from the EU point of view, to achieve a formal dialogue.

Currently there are three working groups that meet between the annual Energy Council meetings, in order to implement the agreed cooperation. These are on energy security, energy technologies and energy policy. They are led at Director General or Director level on the EU side, and at Assistant Secretary or Deputy Assistant Secretary (DAS) level on the US side. For example, the Energy Policy Working Group was chaired at the last meeting on 3 Mar 2016 by Director M. Woersdoerfer of DG ENER and [REDACTED] of DOE.



Best regards,

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