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OBJECTIVE: *For information*

REMARKS:

DG Trade has organised three sessions of stakeholder events in relation to the work of the Trade and Technology Council Working Group on Global Trade Challenges (WG 10, cf: [EU stakeholders outreach on the Trade and Technology Council Working Group on Global Trade Challenges](#)). Reports from these meetings will be available for Member States and published on the [TTC Futurium platform](#) in due course.

To further encourage the engagement with stakeholder on the work of Working Group 10, DG Trade is now also (via Futurium) seeking stakeholders' written inputs and proposals on the EU-US cooperation on global trade challenges. The call for inputs has been published on the [DG Trade website](#) and [Futurium](#).

To progress in the work of Working Group 10, we would like to invite Member States to provide written input and proposals directly to DG Trade. The focus should be on the three work strands under Working Group 10:

- challenges from non-market economic policies and practices;
- avoiding new and unnecessary barriers to trade and investment in products and services of emerging technology;
- promoting and protecting labour rights and decent work; and trade and environment issues.

We would welcome your written inputs to be submitted to TRADE-D1-REQUEST-BOX@ec.europa.eu by **7 January 2022, COB**. For your convenience, we enclose indicative questions to consider in your written submission.

On the basis of inputs received through the stakeholder outreach and Member States' written submissions, we will hold a dedicated technical meeting with Member States to discuss the input received from stakeholders and Member States and next steps in the Working Group on Global Trade Challenges.

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**Indicative questions for inputs and comments on EU-US Trade and Technology Council Working Group
on Global Trade Challenges (WG 10)**

1. Inputs on work strand on challenges from non-market economic policies and practices;

- *Which specific non-market distortive policies and practices do you consider to pose particular challenges for EU workers/businesses, both across sectors and/or in relation to specific sectors, and why?*
- *In what way do you think the EU and the US could most effectively cooperate to address these specific policies and practices?*
- *Have you encountered specific non-market, distortive policies and practices that have a negative impact on your (commercial) interests in third countries (i.e. countries other than the country from which the distortive policies/practices originate) or which you consider hinder development of the third country concerned? Which ones do you consider particularly damaging?*
- *Any other priorities the EU and the US should pursue in this TTC work strand on non-market distortive policies and practices?*
- *Other suggestions/concerns/questions relating to challenges from non-market economic policies and practices?*

2. Inputs on work strand on avoiding new and unnecessary barriers to trade and investment in products and services of emerging technology;

- *Which significant barriers to trade or investment in the area of new and emerging technologies do you consider risk arising or emerging, e.g. in the context of the digital and green transition of economies or the recovery from the COVID pandemic?*
- *What concrete actions/co-operation would be needed from the EU and the US side to most effectively prevent/address such barriers?*
- *Which are the key areas in which the EU and the US should focus work? Which are the solutions/outcomes they should pursue?*
- *Other priorities/suggestions/questions in relation to avoiding new and unnecessary barriers to trade or investment in products and services of emerging technology?*

3. Inputs on work strand on promoting and protecting labour rights and decent work;

- *For each of the 4 identified actions focusing on labour rights and decent work identified in the [Pittsburgh statement Annex V](#), what do you think should be the top priorities and why?*
- *What concrete actions/co-operation would be needed from the EU and the US side to take these priorities forward?*
- *Any additional priorities the EU and the US should pursue in this TTC work strand on trade and labour?*
- *Other suggestions/concerns/questions relating to EU-US cooperation on trade and labour issues?*

4. Inputs on possible work strand on trade and environment issues.

- *Do you agree that each of items envisioned by the [Pittsburgh statement Annex V](#) should be proposed as priorities for EU-US cooperation on trade and environment/climate issues? What should be the order of priority (if any) among those items?*

- *What should be the concrete actions/exchanges under each of the cooperation items that the EU and the US should prioritize and why?*
- *Which additional priorities, actions, exchanges do you suggest for this work strand on trade and environment in the Working Group on Global Trade challenges?*
- *Other suggestions/concerns/questions relating to EU-US cooperation on trade and environment issues?*

Practical information

Comments are to be submitted by 7 January 2022, COB via the [EU-US Trade and Technology Council Futurium platform for Working Group 10 - Global Trade Challenges](#). Please submit as a document with the tag 'WG 10 Consultation 2021').

For further information, please do not hesitate to contact us at TRADE-D1-REQUEST-BOX@ec.europa.eu.