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Dear President,

The Commission would like to thank the Senat for its Opinion of 14 April 2021 on the Joint Communication – A new EU-US agenda for global change {JOIN(2020) 22 final}.

The transatlantic partnership remains an important and strategic relationship for the European Union, based on our shared democratic values and common interests. Multilateral engagement is at the heart of every aspect of our revamped EU-US relations. We are committed to work together on the reform and modernisation of the multilateral organisations to make them fit for the 21st century.

We will further develop our close and mutually beneficial cooperation with the United States in the field of security and defence. In this sense, we welcome the decision allowing the United States to participate in the PESCO project Military Mobility, as adopted at the Foreign Affairs Council in Defence Ministers format on 6 May 2021. The EU defence initiatives will enhance the European contribution to transatlantic security, and can offer concrete opportunities for cooperation between the EU and the US.

Equally, all EU flagship defence initiatives are designed in a way to ensure coherence, complementarity and interoperability with NATO. We continue to build on our strong cooperation with NATO and we will further raise the level of our ambition in fostering this partnership. As highlighted in the EU-US Summit Statement issued on 15 June, we agreed to establish an EU-US dedicated dialogue on security and defence. Work is on-going on setting up this dialogue with the US.

The European Union appreciates the ongoing support of the Senat for a coordinated approach to strengthening international peace and security. We agree that the strengthening of the EU's defence dimension is a tool for enhancing the EU's ability to deal more effectively with international crises and to provide support to the partners.

Yours sincerely,

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