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Answer given by Mr Hoekstra
on behalf of the European Commission
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The Commission has taken note of the content of the executive order on the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) global tax deal signed by the President of the United States (US). OECD-led discussions on Pillar 1 have temporarily stalled. The US has communicated its intention to resume these discussions once a solution on Pillar 2 is found. Good progress has been made on Pillar 2. The Commission hopes to be in a position to continue the discussions on Pillar 1 later in 2025. As expressed in the statement issued during the 17th plenary meeting of the OECD/G20 Inclusive Framework on base erosion and profit shifting (BEPS) held in April 2025¹, members remain committed to the two-Pillar solution. This remains the Commission's preferred option.

In accordance with the statement during the confirmation hearing of the Commissioner-designate for Climate, Net-Zero and Clean Growth², a global solution to achieve a fair taxation of the digital economy is preferable. The Commission is committed to the international obligations undertaken over the last years and will liaise with Member States on the best way forward in case a global solution cannot be agreed.

Regarding the question on the US tariffs, the Commission is fully engaged in discussions with the US, as a fair and mutually beneficial negotiated solution remains the preferred outcome. However, if the talks with the US do not yield the necessary results, the Commission will carefully evaluate the potential options as the situation evolves. All options are on the table, and the Commission does not exclude any *a priori*.

Lastly, discussions concerning potential new EU own resources within the upcoming Multiannual Financial Framework are ongoing. These deliberations will unfold in due course.

¹ <https://www.oecd.org/content/dam/oecd/en/topics/policy-issues/beps/statement-oecd-g20-inclusive-framework-on-beps-april-2025.pdf>

² https://hearings.elections.europa.eu/documents/hoekstra/hoekstra_verbatimreporthearing-original.pdf