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The EU has reacted to the situation concerning Greenland, and the related threat of tariffs on six Member States, with determination and unity. This response proved effective in defending European interests and de-escalating the situation.

The EU expressed unequivocal solidarity with Greenland and the Kingdom of Denmark, it stood firmly with the six Member States threatened with tariffs; and it engaged actively with the US on multiple levels. The EU also signalled that it was well prepared to deploy trade countermeasures and non-tariff instruments if necessary. In sum, four key principles guided the response – firmness, outreach, preparedness and unity. This approach proved effective. Looking ahead, the Commission will be guided by these same principles.

Going forward, the EU should continue cooperating with the US to advance the transatlantic trade relationship on all issues of common interest. The EU is fully committed to implementing in good faith the EU-US Joint Statement of 21 August 2025¹.

¹https://policy.trade.ec.europa.eu/news/joint-statement-united-states-european-union-framework-agreement-reciprocal-fair-and-balanced-trade-2025-08-21_en.