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On 27 July 2025, the President of the Commission and the President of the United States (US) reached a political agreement on tariffs and trade. The Commission has kept informed and engaged with both the Council and European Parliament throughout the previous months leading up to this leaders' meeting.

The subsequently issued Joint Statement on an EU-US framework on an agreement on reciprocal, fair and balanced trade¹ of 21 July 2025, confirmed the outcomes of the leader's meeting.

The Joint Statement is a political commitment that outlines the key parameters for the relations between the EU and the US going forward. It is a first step in a process that will restore stability in the transatlantic relations and avoid lose-lose tariff escalation.

The Commission has initiated the process to implement the Joint Statement by introducing two legislative proposals² under Article 207 of the Treaty on Functioning of the EU implementing the tariff commitments made under Section 1 of the Joint Statement. These proposals are now in the hands of the co-legislators and are subject to an ordinary legislative procedure.

The Joint Statement is a first step in a process to continue to improve market access and increase the EU-US trade and investment relationship. It serves as a roadmap for continued negotiations and collaboration between the EU and the US, which will be conducted in line with the applicable procedures, involving the Council and the European Parliament as foreseen by the treaties.

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

² COM(2025) 471 final, [https://ec.europa.eu/transparency/documents-register/detail?ref=COM\(2025\)471&lang=en](https://ec.europa.eu/transparency/documents-register/detail?ref=COM(2025)471&lang=en) and COM(2025) 472 final, [https://ec.europa.eu/transparency/documents-register/detail?ref=COM\(2025\)472](https://ec.europa.eu/transparency/documents-register/detail?ref=COM(2025)472).