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Answer given by High Representative/Vice-President Kallas
on behalf of the European Commission
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Regarding the content of the November 2025 US National Security Strategy (NSS)¹, the Commission agrees that ‘Europe remains strategically and culturally vital to the United States’ and that ‘Transatlantic trade remains one of the pillars of the global economy and of American prosperity’. The Commission welcomes the priority that the strategy places on ending Russia’s war against Ukraine. The EU and the US share a responsibility in supporting a just and lasting peace.

The Commission is committed to guaranteeing the security of EU citizens through all available means, including, most recently the ProtectEU internal security strategy².

The EU works with international partners, including the US, to address the root causes of displacement and to combat smuggling and trafficking, in full respect of fundamental rights and international law. The upcoming implementation of the Pact on Migration and Asylum will strengthen the EU migration management and common asylum system, while the Commission’s proposal for a Return Regulation aims to ensure swifter, simpler and more effective return procedures³.

When it comes to decisions relating to the EU, such decisions are taken by the EU, for the EU, including those relating to its regulatory autonomy, protection of free speech and the rules-based international order. In this context, the Commission is actively working on fostering the EU’s competitiveness based on a comprehensive strategy adopted in December 2025⁴.

The EU is resolute in its ambition to build a resilient, sovereign and competitive Europe.

¹ <https://www.whitehouse.gov/issues/national-security/>.

² https://home-affairs.ec.europa.eu/news/commission-presents-protecteu-internal-security-strategy-2025-04-01_en.

³ Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL establishing a common system for the return of third-country nationals staying illegally in the Union, and repealing Directive 2008/115/EC of the European Parliament and the Council, Council Directive 2001/40/EC and Council Decision 2004/191/EC.

⁴ https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_25_2889.