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**DELEGATION FOR RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES  
– THE CHAIRMAN –**

Dear Colleague,

As you know, the Transatlantic Legislators' Dialogue (TLD) constitutes the formal response of the European Parliament and the US Congress to the commitment (contained in the New Transatlantic Agenda of 1995) to enhanced parliamentary ties between the European Union and the United States.

The TLD includes bi-annual meetings of the European Parliament and the US Congress delegations and a series of teleconferences organised on specific topics of mutual concern, with a view to fostering an ongoing dialogue in particular on legislative activities. The object of this exercise has been to set up an "early warning system" designed to draw attention, at an early procedural stage, to the impact of internal measures on Transatlantic relations. The importance of strengthening TLD mechanisms is underlined by all recent Parliament resolutions on this subject and was reconfirmed in the resolution of 13 January 2005 on Transatlantic relations.

As Chairman of the Delegation for relations with the United States and Co-Chairman of the TLD Steering group, I would like to ask for your support in this initiative, the deployment of which will remain within the responsibility of your committees. In view, in particular, of the presentation by the Commission of its legislative programme for 2005, I would ask you to keep in mind that TLD is intended primarily as a tool for the EP's committees and rapporteurs in order to take up contacts with their counterparts in the US Congress and to discuss issues of common interest.

Please let me know your ideas on the subject.

Yours sincerely,

Jonathan Evans