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**EU - US Summit
(Brussels 26 March 2014)**

The European Union and the United States of America will hold a summit on 26 March in Brussels.

The EU will be represented by Herman Van Rompuy, President of the European Council, and by José Manuel Barroso, President of the European Commission. The United States will be represented by President Barack Obama.

"The EU-US Summit occupies a central place in our external relations. We share a unique and irreplaceable strategic partnership, and cooperate on practically every issue of concern to us. At a moment when the principles of international security and diplomatic engagement are challenged in Europe and the world, the cooperation between the European Union and the United States is of critical importance." said President Van Rompuy ahead of the meeting.

President Barroso said: *"We have an excellent occasion to take stock of our relations, map the way ahead and highlight the strengths of the transatlantic relationship. We know well that our joint efforts are necessary if not sufficient conditions to tackle global challenges, from the economy, including in the context of the G20, to climate change, energy security, counterterrorism, non-proliferation, etc. The Summit will highlight the significant contributions that the EU-US strategic partnership makes to transatlantic and global peace and prosperity, and will be an opportunity to support and promote our negotiations on the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership."*

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The summit will take place during a working lunch and will be followed by a press conference.

For more information

EU-US summit: <http://www.european-council.europa.eu/eu-us-summit-2014>

EU-US relations: http://eeas.europa.eu/us/index_en.htm

Eurostat press release: http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_STAT-14-47_en.htm
