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## FRENCH DEFENSE MINISTER LECORNU WELCOMES HIS GERMAN COUNTERPART PISTORIUS

TO CELEBRATE 60 YEARS OF ELYSEE TREATY

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**USPA NEWS** - On the occasion of the celebration of the 60th anniversary of the Elysée Treaty, the Minister for the Armed Forces Sebastien Lecornu welcomed Boris Pistorius, his German counterpart, this Sunday, January 22, 2023. The two men reaffirmed Franco-German cooperation in matters defense. On January 22, 1963, General de Gaulle and German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer signed the Élysée Treaty to mark the reconciliation of France and Germany after the Second World War. The text consolidated bilateral cooperation between the two countries to make it the engine of European integration.

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COMMISSIONER EX. VP OF EUROPEAN COMMISSION MARGRETH VESTAGER ANSWERS OUR QUESTIONS OVER CHINA  
ITVW AT EU-US PARTNERSHIP TTC SACLAY

The U.S. Secretary of Commerce Gina Raimondo, and U.S Trade Representative Katherine Tai, met in Saclay (Suburbs of Paris) France, on 16 May 2022. They held this high level meeting amid TTC, with European Commission Executive Vice President Margreth Vestager, and European Commission Executive Vice President Valdis Dombrovskis, joined by European Commissioner Thierry Breton, for the second time, (The 1st TTC (Trade and Technology Council ) Meeting was held in Pittsburg, 2021), and hosted by the French Presidency of the Council of the European Union.

The President of Chambre of Commerce of ...and U.S secretary Fernandez, attended also the meeting, before answering the press in a press conference.

On this occasion, our reporter, has the chance to conduct an interview of EU Commissioner Margreth Vestager, over China and the challenges EU and U.S.A will have to face, in the near future, due to its aggressive commercial approach, and with regard as its strategic plan of building up infrastructure throughout the Road of Silk.

The U.S and EU's representatives issued the following Joint Statement on behalf of the United States of America and the European Union, which intend to formalize recently accelerated efforts to align their work on export controls, in a very particular context of Ukraine's war shadow, according to officials. We publish the full text of the Joint statement, as it was delivered. »

PANEL INTRO SESSION:

INTRO

Beaucoup de travaux, en France lors de PFUE, et en EU, d'où notre implication forte de ce 2eme TTCm la 1ere reunion a Pittsburgh, nous avons voulu un rechange collectif, pour favoriser implication des parties prenantes des syndicats, Entreprises et think tanks, et faciliter le bon fonctionnement de ce conseil. Nous aborderons tous les enjeux du Green Deal transition et les chaînes de valeurs.

1- Margreth VESTAGER

The magic of the TTC is to bring us working together and united,

if there is a ownership that TTC results. Everyone has been the full out of the supply chain, new shortages and how to strengthen that supply chain and secure that point in your trade.

We have achieved a mechanism, and having our standard set so that we can rely on, and the US and EU are getting fully engaged, and I think that point is a key, and it has to rely on this dialogue and a focus on the two specific points the supply of semiconductor, and shortage.

It is the real state of demand to secure the supply chain, . When we started the TTC, nothing existed and if the TTC was not existing, we would have to create.

Margrethe Vestager, Executive Vice-President for a Europe fit for the Digital Age and co-chair of the TTC, said: "Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine has further underlined the key importance of our cooperation with the US on economic and technology issues. This cooperation goes beyond our reaction to the war. Together with our transatlantic partners, we can create a positive vision for our economies and for a democratic governance of the internet based on the dignity and integrity of the individual. When we act together, we can set the standards of tomorrow's economy. We are joining forces and when two such determined partners take the lead, we can enable the tides to turn."

USPA QUESTION : SINCE ITS ACCESSION TO THE WTO IN 2001, CHINA IS WEIGHING WITH 20 % OF THE WORLD POPULATION AND 19% OF WORLD GDP. IS THE TTC PLANING TO SET ANY COMPLIANCE WITH US GOV. ALONGSIDE WITH EU, TOWARDS CHINA, SUCH AS TRADE BARRIERS FOR EXAMPLE WHEN IT COMES TO THE INTERNATIONAL LAWS AND OBLIGATIONS ? KNOWING THAT FROM THE EU'S PERSPECTIVE HAS CONSIDERED THE BELT & ROAD INITIATIVE (BRI), AS CHINA IS A MAJOR TRADE & INVESTMENT PARTNER FOR EU COUNTRIES

ANSWER MAGRETH VESTAGER : `

ANSWER

To achieve accession to the WTO in 2001, the Chinese government took significant steps to revise its laws and regulations in a manner consistent with WTO obligations and to strengthen its role in the global economy. Nevertheless, despite progress in some areas, significant barriers for U.S. companies still exist. The U.S. government has demanded that the Chinese government address these barriers and vigorously enforced U.S. and international trade laws and obligations.

China's trade surplus surged to USD 51.12 billion in April 2022, up from USD 40.89 billion in the same month a year earlier, beating market forecasts of USD 50.65 billion. It was the largest trade surplus since January, as exports rose while imports were unchanged. Export increased by 3.9 percent yoy; the first single-digit growth in 18 months, and the slowest increase in nearly two years; while imports were flat, amid ongoing COVID-19 curbs in some key cities. China's trade surplus with the US increased by 14.7% yoy to USD 32.2 billion, up from USD 32.09 billion in March.

Considering the first four months of the year, the goods account posted a surplus of USD 214 billion.

China's overall foreign trade increased by 10.1 percent in January-April 2022, reaching USD 1.98 trillion. Russia-China trade rose 25.9 percent to USD 51.09 billion.

Source: General Administration of Customs

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Raw materials, but not enough sufficient about the circularity, is very important, because there is a increasing demand. There is also a list of the standards, in terms fo share transportation, how to enable people to get to one point to another and te vehicles to get ready for that. In transatlantic relationship if there is a engagement I would be happy to take this unto count and we learn a lot form the stakeholders,

QUESTION : Global company of fossil energy : they do and in hand with vehicle transition in them of decarbonisation We can new carbon foot print, and new standards What would be these new standards to balance the grid every and low consumption at lower cost ?

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**PRESS RELEASE BY FRECNH MINISTRY FOR AMRY & DEFENSE**

« Sixty years later, Sebastien Lecornu (French Minister of Defense and Army) and Boris Pistorius met this Sunday, January 22, 2023 for a Franco-German defense and security council in order to extend the will of the treaty at a time of war in Ukraine.

The two ministers expressed their desire to continue the close cooperation between the two countries around the implementation of several key projects concerning defense issues.

Cooperation in terms of capabilities: the two countries intend to continue the projects for the Next Generation Weapon System, a combat aircraft which will make up the Air Combat System of the future (Scaf), and the tank for the future Main Ground Combat System (MGCS). They also wish to support the development of a European, sovereign and innovative Defense Industrial and Technological Base (BITD), thanks to vast bilateral projects, with particular emphasis on the space sector.

Cooperation in operational matters: France and Germany intend to develop the capabilities of their armed forces to deploy jointly in operations, to send two Franco-German battalions from the Franco-German brigade for exercises in Romania and Lithuania and to conduct a bilateral naval exercise in the Indo-Pacific zone by the end of 2024.

Franco-German dialogue for the benefit of a European strategic culture: the two countries intend to further develop structural exchanges and integration between their armed forces. They wish to maintain a sustained dialogue regarding their assessment of the situation and their support for Ukraine. They also want to work on converging their positions regarding the implementation of a defense initiative stemming from the Strategic Compass. » Source : French Minister of Defense and Army

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