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NOTE

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Following the EU-US Summit in Washington on 20 June 2005, delegations will find at annex the Council Secretariat's report on the Summit. The eight Declarations issued at the Summit have already been distributed as document 10359/05.

SUMMARY

Businesslike but cordial summit, hosted by **NOT DECLASSIFIED** President Bush, who, both in the meetings and before the press, stressed the need for continued good transatlantic cooperation and the US interest in a strong European partner. A longer than scheduled (almost 1 hour) restricted meeting between Bush, Juncker, Barroso and Solana focused on recent political developments in Europe (**NOT DECLASSIFIED**). The plenary session dealt briskly with economic and trade questions, climate change, visas, and development policy. A working lunch was devoted to international issues **NOT DECLASSIFIED**

PLENARY SESSION

Bush welcomed the EU delegation, saying that there was a lot of work to do jointly. Recent developments in Europe should not detract from close cooperation; the US wanted to have Europe as a strong partner.

He first raised **economic questions**. **NOT DECLASSIFIED**

Juncker thanked the President for his introductory words. The EU delegation appreciated the welcome and its presence here in Washington showed that there was important business to do. On the economic side, there was sometimes a view in the US that Europe was stagnant and conservative. That was not the reality; things were moving. The mid-term review of the Lisbon strategy had led to a re-evaluation and a new start. It was crucial that member states now implement the measures decided upon in national programmes. **NOT DECLASSIFIED**

Barroso welcomed the agreement reached on the economic text; enhancing economic relations was a must, and regulatory cooperation was crucial in that respect. The EU and the US, as global partners, should develop a common framework here. As Juncker had pointed out, the EU was working on its competitiveness. The new member states were growing rapidly and injecting some new dynamism. Globalisation and the ageing of the populations brought pressures and required cooperation. **NOT DECLASSIFIED** The question in Europe was how to preserve the European social model while taking the necessary reforms to enhance growth and competitiveness.

Barroso then raised **climate change**, saying that differences between us should not prevent us from working together. **NOT DECLASSIFIED**

The G8 beginning July could open some avenues. **NOT DECLASSIFIED**

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Verheugen came in to report on the good meeting of the **TABD** in the morning. Business wanted trade barriers to be removed. **NOT DECLASSIFIED**

Together, the EU and the US accounted for 60% of world GDP. **NOT DECLASSIFIED**

Ferrero-Waldner raised the **visa** issue. **NOT DECLASSIFIED** She also welcomed the roadmaps devised with the individual countries of the EU that were not yet part of the VWP. It was really important to treat all EU members alike. This was politically important. **NOT DECLASSIFIED**

Barroso addressed **development and Africa**. We all wanted to promote freedom and democracy and development. The first need was to get food to the people; 25,000 people died each day of hunger. That was simply unacceptable. This issue should be addressed at Gleneagles. **NOT**

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The upcoming UN summit was another occasion to tackle development. Juncker added that the EU did establish a link between development and governance or the attitude against terrorism, as evidenced by the clauses attached to the Cotonou agreement.

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Barroso remarked that it had become easier to talk to Africans about governance and the rule of law. **NOT DECLASSIFIED**

Juncker supported this, adding that all the efforts done by countries like his own (0, 84% of GDP) would be wasted if there was no security and stability. **NOT DECLASSIFIED**

It was important to help training Africans so they could sort problems themselves; the UN could not do everything. That is why our cooperation in Darfur was so important. **NOT DECLASSIFIED**

Ferrero-Waldner intervened to talk about the best way how to develop further the **NTA** process. Maybe that could be a subject for the Vienna summit next year. One particular aspect was the legislators' dialogue; how could that be developed? **NOT DECLASSIFIED**

Bush finally mentioned the upcoming **Iraq conference**. He thanked the EU side for all the help. The situation in Iraq was difficult, but things were actually improving. **NOT DECLASSIFIED**

Asselborn reported on the recent troika visit to Baghdad. It was crucial to achieve reconciliation between the various groups of the population and to integrate the Sunnis into the political life. **NOT DECLASSIFIED**

WORKING LUNCH

Bush began by reporting on latest developments in **MEPP** in the context of Rice's visit to the region. **NOT DECLASSIFIED**

Solana welcomed the US-EU cooperation on the ground: disengagement was very close and joint efforts to reform both Palestinian security and administration were making some progress. Ferrero-Waldner commended the job being done by Wolfensohn and stressed the importance of getting a financial package of assistance together after the G8 meetings. The European side agreed on the need for more active Arab assistance. **NOT DECLASSIFIED**

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On **Syria**, Barroso reported on the EU's caution in moving ahead with the PCA. **NOT**

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Solana raised **Kosovo**, reminding of the important issues to be addressed this year and reassuring that the European perspective given to the Balkans had been reaffirmed by the European Council.

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Ferrero-Waldner gave a summary of the **European neighbourhood policy**, noting that there were many aspects where EU-US cooperation would be required.

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