

STATEMENT on EU-US relations

Brussels, 19 January 2026: ERT expresses very serious concern about recent threats to derail the EU-US trade agreement reached last summer at Turnberry. The agreement satisfied key US concerns and provided much needed predictability between the world's two biggest trading partners.

ERT fully supports Europe's unified stance and steadfastness in solidarity with the people of Greenland and the Kingdom of Denmark. Respecting sovereignty and territorial integrity is fundamental to international law. We urge the parties to embark on dialogue and deescalate the situation as a matter of urgency.

Failing this, ERT would support necessary steps to defend the fundamental interests of Europe and EU Member states.

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Note to Editors:

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