## Press Releases: U.S.-EU Joint Committee Meeting Strengthens Transatlantic Civil Aviation Ties

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On March 8, delegations representing the United States, the European Union and its Member States, Norway, and Iceland, convened in Washington, DC for the 22nd meeting of the Joint Committee established under the U.S.-EU Air Transport Agreement of 2007, as amended. The delegations initialed an agreement to remove longstanding unfair time constraints on U.S. air carrier leases of aircraft with crew in the lucrative U.S.-EU air transport market. The two sides also discussed preparations to ensure that the exit of the United Kingdom from the European Union would not disrupt air services.

Under the terms of the U.S.-EU Air Transport Agreement, U.S. and European representatives from both government and industry meet at least annually to discuss important issues in civil aviation relations between the United States and the European countries covered by the Agreement. Transatlantic flights linking the United States and Europe power growth and job creation, underpin valuable economic and commercial ties, and foster the shared goal of greater prosperity.

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