



Committee on Foreign Affairs
The Chair

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Dear Chair, dear Colleague,

I would like to cordially invite you, together with a small delegation from your committee, to an inter-parliamentary committee meeting of the Foreign Affairs Committee on **19 February 2025 from 9:00 to 12:30 (CET)** in the European Parliament, in Brussels.

The inter-parliamentary committee meeting will be structured into two sessions.

The first session will be entitled “**Transatlantic relations in challenging times**”. The transatlantic partnership remains one of the most important and strategic relationships for the EU and its Member States and it is more important than ever to maintain its resilience in the face of geopolitical challenges such as Russia, China, and Ukraine, and the ongoing struggle between democracy and autocracy. With the new Trump Administration, the EU needs to devise a strategy how to maintain a strong and mutually beneficial transatlantic agenda, while ensuring that its legitimate interests are defended. This exchange of views aims at discussing the way forward in EU-US relations and opportunities for foreign policy cooperation in the course of the incoming Trump administration.

In the second session, we will focus on “**Towards a multipolar world - what role for the European Union?**”. In an era defined by geopolitical realignments and the rise of a multipolar world, the European Union faces both challenges and opportunities in redefining its global role. As new powers emerge and existing alliances shift, what position should the EU take in shaping the international order? Can it balance its commitment to multilateralism and democratic values with the pressures of Realpolitik? And how can it assert itself as a global leader while navigating internal divisions and external competition? This session will explore the EU’s potential as a bridge-builder, a standard-setter, and a force for stability in an increasingly complex international landscape.

The event will be followed by a **working lunch from 12:30 to 14:00 for the heads of delegation**.

The final programme and practical details regarding the meeting will be forwarded in due course to the services of your Parliament responsible for relations with the European Parliament.

I hope you will be able to join us on 19 February in Brussels and look forward to a fruitful debate.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "David McAllister". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

David McAllister