Immediate Change to the EU Delegation to the United States’ Protocol Status

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The United States Mission to the European Union warmly welcomes the arrival of Stavros Lambrinidis to Washington, D.C., to take up his post as the new Ambassador and Head of the European Union Delegation to the United States.

The Ambassador of the United States to the European Union Gordon Sondland is pleased to announce that, effective immediately, the Department of State will again recognize the European Union’s representation in Washington as equivalent to that of a bilateral mission in the Diplomatic Corps Order of Precedence. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo has instructed the Chief of Protocol to take the necessary measures to effect this reinstatement.

According to Ambassador Sondland, “The European Union is a uniquely important organization, and one of America’s most valuable partners in ensuring global security and prosperity. From generating jobs and economic growth, to setting international standards, to keeping destabilizing regimes in check, the United States and the European Union are a strong force when we work together. Europe’s security and success are inextricably linked to that of the United States, and this level of engagement and cooperation should be recognized appropriately in all settings.”

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