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Strenghtening Again the Transatlantic Bond: For a Future-Oriented and Comprehensive Partnership

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"We want to further develop the transatlantic partnership into a comprehensive and global security partnership, in which Europe and Germany contribute even more as autonomous security actors capable to take action. This is also in line with our own (national) interests" (p. 3).

Key Ideas

- USA is Germany's key partner outside Europe. Relations between the two in foreign, security, economic and civil society relations are irreplaceable. Only as transatlantic partners can we shape our world according to our worldview.
- With President Biden's election, there is a unique opportunity to strengthen again the transatlantic partnership. CDU/CSU has always supported and defended this relationship, even in difficult times.
- Ten-point plan (five key points):
 - 1. In favor of a comprehensive security partnership and transatlantic cooperation;
 - 2. Strengthening NATO as backbone of Euroatlantic security and ensuring its future;
 - 3. In favour of a common and decisive China policy within the Contest of political systems;
 - 4. Responding decisively to Russian aggressions, creating transatlantic incentives for its return to a cooperative behaviour;
 - 5. Strengthening the unique values-based partnership, expanding civil society exchanges.