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FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE MEMBERS OF THE POLITICAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

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The Political Affairs Committee, as an *Ad Hoc* Committee of the Bureau, meeting in London on 19 April 2004, under the chairmanship of Mr Ateş, Vice-Chairman (Turkey, SOC):

- organised jointly with the United Kingdom delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly an *Inter-parliamentary Forum on Transatlantic Dialogue*, with the participation of the following members of the United States Congress: Mr Phil ENGLISH, Republican (Pennsylvania); Mr Alcee HASTINGS, Democrat (Florida); and Mr Darell ISSA, Republican (California); and from the Canadian Observer delegation: Mr Charles CACCIA, Liberal (Ontario); Mr Alasdair GRAHAM, Liberal (Nova Scotia) and Mr Gary LUNN, Conservative (British Columbia);
- heard a statement by Mr Bill RAMMELL, Parliamentary Under-Secretary, Foreign and Commonwealth Office (United Kingdom);
- exchanged views on the following themes:
 - *Transatlantic dialogue in promoting democratic stability:*
 - *Common values of democracy and different perceptions of international affairs*
 - *Institutional framework of dialogue*
 - *Conflict prevention and resolution: partnership in responding to global challenges:*
 - *Common action and burden sharing in the management of international crises*
 - *Rebuilding transatlantic confidence*
- expressed the wish that a delegation of the US Congress should be invited to the September part-session when the report on *Relations between Europe and the United States* will be debated (Rapporteur: Mr Claudio AZZOLINI, Italy, EPP/CD)
- confirmed its earlier decision to meet during the April part-session (Strasbourg, 26-30 April 2004)

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