

Grade 7-9, Topic 2

If we had not winter...

I would first like to thank the European Parliament and the Council of the European Union for hosting this meeting, which should help the US and the EU to progress greatly in our bright futures together. Through this meeting I feel we will be able to accomplish our goal of becoming the world's most competitive and dynamic economy by 2010. Working together the US and the EU can change the world.

The US and the European Union face new challenges and need to further strengthen and adapt the partnership that has served us so well in past years. We share the largest two-way trade in the world, and have a \$1.4 trillion per year trade and investment relationship. That adds up to one billion dollars a day. There are several ways in which we can strengthen our partnership even more.

First, we need to strengthen ties between the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and the EU. Our goal is to strengthen ties between our people by deepening commercial, social, cultural, and scientific ties between us. The US will help clean up parts of former Yugoslavia that were warstruck. When we go in, we will have an equal amount of respect for all people and help individuals who are displaced. Also, we want to help Bosnia-Herzegovina set up a fair election and support the other new independent states. Another way we are going to help spread democracy is to help construct better economies, aid them in troubled areas, and protect their war and nuclear power stations.

Next we need to help global problems. In order to do this, we have to stop international crime such as terrorism and drug trafficking. We can do this through cooperation through our law enforcement agencies combined for the best in the present and for the future. In the near future, we will need to set up institutions and training programs to train crime-fighting officials for international crimes. "Europe 1" helped this situation and as you well know, so did the second one. Keeping weapons of mass destruction, missile delivery systems, and related materials out of our countries is one of our goals. Also we can cooperate and help protect the world-wide environmental issues such as ozone layer depletion, climate change, desertification, organic pollution, and much more. Each can take on separate responsibilities and duties to help stop the problems such as enforcing laws and policies and making new ones.

Yet another way we can strengthen our economies and trade, is by building and increasing our technology. Our people could take full advantage of it and so can our business and trading industries. Safety can factor into it because we need to tighten enforcement on dangerous materials and technology. Another way we can do this is to have our people team up and find new and better ways of conducting and providing services. Consulting business leaders and regular citizens can give us ideas on how to improve for the better economy and the people. Also we can support peacemaking decisions between the Middle East and Europe, which will encourage trade. There have been struggles between the Middle East, the US, and Europe, but we are moving beyond that and making good progress. Iran and Iraq are believed to be key pieces to the puzzle

of our economy and we yearn for them to embrace democratic government. Europe has contributed millions and even billions of dollars to this cause and it is only through cooperation of everyone can it be a success.

Having more job opportunities available will help both our economies and could help unite our countries further by having people from both countries work together. Making future plans for parts of Europe where great trade could occur should also be done.

Linking our people is another way to strengthen our relations. Teaching children a second language of European background is just one way to unite our people. Sending exchange students to our countries is smart and an educational way to prepare our children for the future of the US and EU relations. Children are the future of our countries and we don't want them to be ignorant to situations going on around the globe. In school, we should start requiring them to learn world history and the relationship between the US, EU, and our allies. This would help history not repeat its mistakes. Making our people more aware of situations going on between us will help link our people further more. Ignorance is just a mistake waiting to happen. Informing our people as much as we can and forming positive opinions on both parts will form a bond between us.

Setting up organizations and foundations that will raise money for the starving, homeless, and sick people of our countries will strengthen our countries. By setting up organizations and foundations that require countries to work together to achieve mutual goals will further strengthen our people for the better and unite them together. It will also help the grateful souls that we are benefiting by setting up such organizations and foundations.

I would like to thank you all again for hearing what I have to say and what my fellow countrymen would like to see happen. We look at the positive progress the EU and the US are making and the potential we have for the future. Anne Bradstreet wrote, "If we had not winter, the spring would not be so pleasant. If we did not sometimes taste of adversity, prosperity would not be so welcome."