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The Council can confirm that the United States recently sent a note to a number of EU Member State explaining its intention to enter into bilateral agreements to establish an Enhanced Border Security Partnership (EBSP) by 2027, which aims at increasing the level of data exchange requirements in return for remaining in the Visa Waiver Program.

The US plans have been discussed within the Council. Additional information is needed from the US side, notably as regards the data categories and the extent of the biometric data concerned by the US request, and as regards the reciprocity aspects of the new US Visa Waiver Program requirement. A dialogue at technical level will be set up between the EU and the US for this purpose.

The Council will continue to follow the issue closely with a view to ensuring a coordinated approach in response to the US request.