

Joint Statement on the First Strategic and Economic Partnership Dialogue between the Principality of Liechtenstein and the United States of America

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The Governments of the United States of America and the Principality of Liechtenstein held the inaugural U.S.-Liechtenstein Strategic and Economic Partnership Dialogue in Washington, DC on October 22, 2024. The dialogue was hosted by Deputy Secretary of State Kurt Campbell. Liechtenstein was represented by Dominique Hasler, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Education and Sport. The dialogue also featured senior representatives from the Liechtenstein and U.S. governments.

The launch of the Strategic and Economic Partnership Dialogue reflects the strong and growing partnership between the United States and Liechtenstein. The United States and Liechtenstein reaffirmed our shared values and committed to strengthening cooperation across a broad range of economic and security priorities. Topics of the dialogue included the strengthening of economic cooperation; the deepening of people-to-people ties; Russia's illegal war of aggression in Ukraine; the growing threat of foreign information manipulation and hybrid threats; shared challenges related to geopolitical tensions and erosion of the international rule of law; and a shared commitment to stop the flow of illicit finance through strengthened sanctions enforcement and anti-money laundering efforts.

The United States and Liechtenstein affirmed our unwavering solidarity with the Ukrainian people and support for Ukraine's sovereignty and territorial integrity. Both countries further affirmed the need to hold Russia accountable. Liechtenstein and the United States discussed the challenges posed by those who support Russia's defense industrial base. The two countries also discussed ways to strengthen cooperation at the UN and in other multilateral fora, as well as mechanisms to counter disinformation campaigns that undermine democratic principles and institutions.

During the dialogue, the United States and Liechtenstein celebrated strong economic ties and assessed progress towards further increasing bilateral trade and investment. They also discussed additional measures with the potential to improve framework conditions for bilateral economic activity and cooperation, and recognized apprenticeship training as an important way to promote business ties and workforce development in line with the recently signed Memorandum of Understanding. The United States commended Liechtenstein's cooperation on sanctions enforcement and countering money laundering and committed to continue joint efforts to address loopholes and stop illicit financial flows. The United States welcomed Liechtenstein's October 21 accession as the 191st member of the International Monetary Fund and commended the Principality for its passage of marriage equality earlier this year.

The United States and Liechtenstein committed to continued dialogue and strengthening of the bilateral partnership. The two sides plan to hold the next session of the Strategic and Economic Partnership Dialogue in Vaduz in 2026.