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This report is addressed principally to Europeans. It is the product of consultation and cooperation between businessmen, political officials, and experts brought together through the Transatlantic Policy Network (TPN). Its strategy recommendations emerge from 18 months of discussions in Brussels, Rome, Bonn, and Paris, drawing in participants from most member states of the European Union.

Our starting point was a shared concern that European political leaders were failing to address the need to redefine and restructure our political relationship with the United States following the collapse of the Soviet threat. The closeness of the US-European relationship for 45 years after World War II rested upon the broad foundations of shared security and economic interests, and upon mutual understanding of the linkage between these interests. American support through the Marshall Plan and the European Recovery Programme was vital for rebuilding democratic government, civil society, and market economies in Western Europe after the war.

At the same time, the American-led Atlantic alliance provided the security guarantee under which the European Community was established and grew to economic maturity. America's political and military presence in other parts of the world, together with American leadership in multilateral management of an open international economy through the IMF, the World Bank, the GATT, and OECD, also provided the external stability necessary for the spread of European exports and investment around the world.