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# Broadened Transatlantic Relations in a Rules Based Order

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**Venue: Baha'i International Community Centre (NYC)**

*(866 United Nations Plaza #120, New York, NY 10017, United States)*

On July 1, 2023, Spain assumed the Presidency of the Council of the European Union. As the Spanish Government's [Foreign Action Strategy 2021-2024](#) reflects, Spain is committed to a more integrated European Union and sees Latin America and the Caribbean as key partners, based on shared values, interests, and priorities regarding international issues. Thus, the Spanish Presidency offers a unique opportunity to promote an enhanced transatlantic relationship between the EU and Latin America and the Caribbean, while engaging the United States as a strategic partner, focusing on common strategic priorities such as defending democracy and the rules-based international order.

The countries of the EU and the Americas make up one-third of the membership of the United Nations and are highly represented in intergovernmental initiatives such as the G20. A strategic alignment of these regions would be decisive in transforming the multilateral agenda, addressing global challenges and protecting the rules-based international order.

In this context, Club de Madrid and the Atlantic Council, with the support of the Spanish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, European Union and Cooperation, are working together to leverage Spain's

efforts to institutionalize and maximize EU-CELAC cooperation with a broadened transatlantic perspective, including the United States as an ally in building the interregional integration agenda.

To this end, both organizations are convening a series of consultations on issues related to democracy, human rights, the rules-based order, and the twin transitions.

On 22 September, in the margins of the High-Level Debate of the United Nations General Assembly, Club de Madrid and the Atlantic Council are holding a dialogue on the topic “**Broadened Transatlantic Relations in a Rules-Based Order**”.

### European Union - The Americas and the Rules-Based Order

As a result of the EU-CELAC Summit in July 2023, participating Member States of both regions *reaffirmed the shared values upon which their partnership was based remain unchanged: resilient, inclusive and democratic societies, the promotion, protection and respect of all human rights and fundamental freedoms, the rule of law, democracy, including free and fair, inclusive, transparent and credible elections and media freedom, **inclusive multilateralism and international cooperation, based on the principles and objectives of the UN Charter and International Law**, including the principles of sovereignty, self-determination, non-intervention in matters which are essentially within the domestic jurisdiction of States and to refrain in their international relations from the threat or use of force against territorial integrity.*

Participating Member States *underscored the need to strengthen the multilateral system and to promote more effective and inclusive global governance, respectful of international law. They committed to strengthening their biregional cooperation for the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda and will join forces to support the UN Secretary General in his efforts to reinvigorate multilateralism and ensure an effective and accelerated implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). They committed to work to enhance cooperation and coordination, in relevant multilateral fora on issues of common interest, including human rights, labor rights, climate change and biodiversity loss, food and energy security, addressing and countering the world drug problem and organized crime, migration, health, digitalization and taxation. They also committed to contributing to the UN system reform efforts, including of the UN Security Council.*

Using the results of the EU-CELAC Summit and its roadmap, the session is aimed at addressing ways in which the European Union and the CELAC can partner together on the basis of their commitment to protect and strengthen multilateralism and the rules-based order.

Having this dialogue in New York, in the margins of the UN High-Level Week and just some days after the SDG Summit, is of great importance. It offers the opportunity to align efforts and discuss practical ways in which to support the implementation of the EU-CELAC declaration in New York, incorporating the US as a strategic ally.

## Objective

This session aims to create a space for a preliminary exchange between Member State Permanent Representatives, Senior UN officials, and representatives from the business sector, civil society and academia on the outcomes and commitments of the EU-CELAC Summit 2023 and identify ways in which to support its implementation within the multilateral system, including the United Nations.

## Meeting modality

This is a closed meeting, scheduled to be held at 866 United Nations Plaza #120, New York, on Friday, 22 September 2023, from 15:00 to 16:30 (NYC Time).

Invitations will be extended to a select group of Permanent Representatives, Senior UN Officials, and other participants to engage in an open discussion.

Club de Madrid Members, including Danilo Türk, President of Slovenia, and Tarja Halonen, President of Finland, will participate in the discussions.

## Guiding questions

*-How can the EU-CELAC partnership be leveraged for the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda, and what concrete actions can be taken in support of the UN Secretary-General in his efforts to reinvigorate multilateralism and accelerate the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)?*

*-How can the EU-CELAC partnership contribute to ongoing UN system reform efforts, and what role can these regions play in defending the rules-based order, and promoting effective and inclusive global governance?*

*-How could the implementation of the EU-CELAC declaration and its road map be supported within the United Nations and the broader multilateral system?*

*-How can the inclusion of the United States as a strategic ally for both regions strengthen the EU-CELAC partnership's efforts to protect and strengthen multilateralism and the rules-based order, and what areas of cooperation can be explored with the United States in this regard?*

## Organizers

[Club de Madrid \(CdM\)](#) is the world's largest forum of democratic former presidents and prime ministers, who use their individual and collective leadership, as well as their global reach, to strengthen inclusive democratic practice and improve the well-being of people around the world. The strengthening and promotion of a more robust multilateral system that provides global solutions to common challenges through inclusive cooperation that leaves no one behind have also been one of the essential strategic pillars of the organization.



The Atlantic Council's nonpartisan [Adrienne Arsht Latin America Center](#) (AALAC) broadens understanding of regional transformations while demonstrating why Latin America and the Caribbean matter for the world. The Center focuses on pressing political, economic, and social issues that will define the region's trajectory, proposing constructive, results-oriented solutions to inform public sector, business, and multilateral action based on a shared vision for a more prosperous, inclusive, and sustainable future.



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