



## **Statement by President von der Leyen on the US announcement of car import tariffs – 26 March 2025**

Paris, 26 March 2025

I deeply regret the US decision to impose tariffs on European automotive exports.

The automotive industry is a driver of innovation, competitiveness, and high quality jobs, through deeply integrated supply chains on both sides of the Atlantic.

As I have said before, tariffs are taxes – bad for businesses, worse for consumers equally in the US and the European Union.

We will now assess this announcement, together with other measures the US is envisaging in the next days.

The EU will continue to seek negotiated solutions, while safeguarding its economic interests.

As a major trading power and a strong community of 27 Member States, we will jointly protect our workers, businesses and consumers across our European Union.

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