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EABC Urges Approval of European Parliament Disability Intergroup

The European-American Business Council urges the European Parliament to approve the establishment of the Disability Intergroup. The EABC consists of 65 cross-sectoral companies of EU and US origin, dedicated to advancing transatlantic investment, innovation and integration. As an association representing members striving to make their products accessible for individuals with disabilities, the EABC supports the Disability Intergroup.

The first Disability Intergroup was established in 1980, making it one of the oldest Intergroups of the Parliament. An informal grouping of MEPs from all nationalities and most political groups, it will be the only pan-European, cross-party political body dedicated to the interests of individuals with disabilities. The group will provide a major platform for discussing EU initiatives dedicated to improving the lives of individuals with disabilities, including the post-2010 strategy towards 'a European Information Society for growth and employment' for all EU citizens; and the EU Disability Action Plan 2003-2010 and planned Disability Strategy, both directed at the implementation of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

For the group to be eligible to formally apply for re-establishment during the current Parliament, at least three political groups must provide official support. We hope that members from across the political spectrum voice their support to ensure that this vital Parliamentary group continues.

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