

**Ambassador Feinstein's Remarks for Pre-Business Summit Icebreaker
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First of all, I'd like to welcome everyone and thank you very much for being here for this icebreaker. I thought we could sit together and talk for about an hour, and then (weather permitting) we'll move outside for some refreshments.

Before we get started, I'd like to welcome and recognize all of the members of the U.S. – Poland Business Council delegation for traveling here for tomorrow's Business Summit. We are absolutely thrilled you could make it.

I would also like to recognize and commend the Board of Directors of the American Chamber of Commerce in Poland for all of the fantastic work they have done to prepare for this week's events, and for all that they do every day for American companies in Poland. Thank you very much.

Now, I'd like to present our featured guests from the governments of the United States and Poland. For those of you who have not had a chance to meet them previously, it is an honor for me to introduce to you Undersecretary of Commerce for International Trade Francisco Sanchez and Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Market Access and Compliance Michael Camunez, who have traveled here to Warsaw ahead of Acting Secretary of Commerce Rebecca Blank, who will arrive tomorrow morning. Thank you for coming, Francisco and Michael; it is wonderful to host you here again.

And it is also my distinct pleasure to welcome and introduce to you our guests from the Polish government: Ministry of Economy Undersecretary of State Ilona Antoniszyn-Klik (Pani Minister, thank you for coming today and for all of you and your team's hard work in preparing for this week's events); Ministry of Administration and Digitalization Undersecretary Igor Ostrowski (Mr. Minister, thank you for being here); Ministry of Regional Development Undersecretary Iwona Wendel (Pani Minister, thank you for coming); and representatives of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Health, and the Ministry of Environment. Thank you all very much for coming.

Finally, I would like to let everyone know that there are no members of the press here and our talk this afternoon is completely off-the-record. Please feel at ease to speak freely and candidly. And to get things started, I'd like to invite Undersecretary Sanchez to say a few words about his expectations for the Summit.