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DIRK HUDIG APPOINTED NEW UNICE SECRETARY GENERAL

The President of UNICE, Mr François Perigot, today announced the decision of UNICE's Council of Presidents to appoint Mr Dirk F. Hudig as new UNICE Secretary General. Mr Hudig, of Dutch nationality, will replace Zygmunt Tyszkiewicz, who has occupied the post of Secretary General since 1985.

The new Secretary General, who takes up his post on 1 May 1998, comes to UNICE from ICI, where he has been Group Manager for EC Government Relations as well as National Manager for ICI in Belgium since 1987. Mr Hudig is well known in Brussels circles and has a wide range of experience both within companies and federations, as well as with the trade unions (he played a key role in the establishment of the European works council at ICI).

A former President of the British Chamber of Commerce in Belgium, Mr Hudig has been an active member of many business and public affairs associations during his time in Brussels, including chairing UNICE's "State Aid" working group. He is also Chairman of the BIAC Environment Committee which advises the OECD in Paris, as well as an associate of the European Round Table's Competitiveness working group.

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UNICE, the voice of business in Europe, celebrates its 40th anniversary today, 19 February 1998. Created in 1958, UNICE brings together 33 central industrial and employers' federations from 25 European countries.

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