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**UNICE'S PRESIDENT APPEALS FOR CALM
AFTER YESTERDAY'S ATTACKS IN THE US**

Following yesterday's tragic events in the United States of America, UNICE's President, Georges Jacobs, has issued the following statement:

"I wish to express my horror at the outrage perpetrated against the USA and the sympathy of the entire European business community for the American people. What we have seen is a monstrous attack on the fundamental values underlying democratic stability, and economic and social well-being. Despite this great shock, these events must not be allowed to destabilise economic activity and confidence. The business community, in the USA, in Europe and elsewhere, must do all that it can to ensure that disruption is as short-lived as possible. I am confident that we can meet this challenge."

Note to the editor:

UNICE is the official voice of more than 16 million small, medium and large companies active in Europe, employing over 106 million people. Active in European affairs since 1958, UNICE's members are 33 central industrial and employers federations from 26 countries, working together to achieve growth and competitiveness in Europe.

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