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**UNICE's EXECUTIVE BUREAU DEPLORES TERRORIST ATTACKS IN THE USA
AND CALLS FOR SOLIDARITY**

Brussels, 13/09/2001. The meeting of UNICE's Executive Bureau today reiterated the European business community's horror at the outrageous attacks suffered by the American people forty-eight hours ago. Meeting under the chairmanship of UNICE President Jacobs, leading businessmen condemned these terrorist acts and expressed their solidarity with the USA.

They also expressed their determination to fulfil their responsibilities by continuing business activities. "We must not give in to terror. We will not let these monstrous acts weaken our resolution to work for economic and social progress across the world", said President Jacobs.

UNICE's top decision-makers believe that, as economic relations are increasingly global, business also needs to demonstrate solidarity globally. These acts are therefore not only an attack against the USA, but an attack on the common values and shared objectives of an increasingly global community. "Let us act by closing ranks and demonstrating that these values are not to be defeated", President Jacobs and his colleagues said.

The UNICE Executive Bureau manifests its sympathy and calls on member federations to support initiatives and acts of solidarity tomorrow across Europe to commemorate and honour the victims of these attacks.

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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