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**NEW PRESIDENT OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT:  
MAKE CLEAR COMMITMENT TO BETTER REGULATION AND COMPETITIVENESS**

**UNICE congratulates Josep Borrell on his election as President of the European Parliament. It is now up to his leadership that the European Parliament will work efficiently. Due to its important role as co-legislator, it should take the chance to make a clear commitment to competitiveness and to achieving the Lisbon objectives.**

UNICE attaches great expectations to the newly elected European Parliament, which has gained in strength and importance. With the ratification of the new Constitution, its role will even become more crucial. The European Parliament should take this chance to bring Europe back on the competitiveness track. The successes of the European Parliament should not be measured by numbers of new rules but by the concept of better regulation.

UNICE Secretary General Philippe de Buck: *"It is key that the European Parliament will be working in a results-focussed manner to help Europe's economy to get back on his feet. The first tests for this are already on the table, e.g. REACH, the services directive or the 10<sup>th</sup> company law directive. We expect this House to be remembered as the Lisbon Parliament which helped to boost Europe's economy."*

*Note to the editor:*

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