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**ERNEST-ANTOINE SEILLIÈRE WILL SUCCEED JÜRGEN STRUBE AS
PRESIDENT OF UNICE FROM 1 JULY 2005**

Dr Jürgen Strube, President of UNICE since 1 July 2003, reaches the end of his two-year mandate on 30 June 2005.

UNICE's Council of Presidents has decided today that his successor from 1 July 2005 will be Mr Ernest-Antoine Seillière, CEO of Wendel Investissement, President of the Federation of French Industries (MEDEF) and Vice-President of UNICE, for a period of two years until 30 June 2007.

Dr Strube commented as follows: *"I am very pleased that UNICE's Council of Presidents has chosen Ernest-Antoine Seillière to be UNICE's next President. I have come to appreciate Ernest-Antoine as a senior and dynamic businessman who has been of great service to the French business community. I look forward to working closely with him during the remaining period of my mandate. UNICE will be well equipped to represent the interests of European companies in the European Union and on the international stage"*.

Note to the editor:

UNICE is the voice of more than 20 million small, medium and large companies. Active in European affairs since 1958, UNICE's members are 38 central industrial and employers federations from 32 countries, working together to achieve growth and competitiveness in Europe

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