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**BERLIN DECLARATION:
RAPID INSTITUTIONAL REFORM MUST FOLLOW**

The European business supports the common values for Europe which are set out in the Berlin declaration published on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the signature of the treaties of Rome.

In its own declaration of 23 January 2007 BUSINESSEUROPE underlined its priorities:

the fostering of the growth and jobs strategy, the importance of the internal market, the fight against protectionism and individualism, the opportunities of enlargement and the European model based on economic success.

Those key elements for the European project are part of the Berlin declaration.

Ernest-Antoine Seillière, President of BUSINESSEUROPE, said: “*By setting the target of 2009, the Presidents of the European institutions have committed to institutional reform. I hope that all Member States will give that support to the efforts of Chancellor Angela Merkel to solve the institutional crisis.*”

NOTE TO THE EDITOR

BUSINESSEUROPE – the Confederation of European Business represents more than 20 million small, medium and large companies. Active in European affairs since 1958, BUSINESSEUROPE Members are 39 central industrial and employers' federations from 33 countries, working together to achieve growth and competitiveness in Europe.

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