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### **KEY DAY FOR THE EU: SIGNATURE OF LISBON TREATY, NOW SWIFT RATIFICATION!**

Member States prove their commitment to a forward-looking European Union by signing the Lisbon treaty which paves the way for a better functioning and more efficient European Union.

BUSINESSEUROPE has actively supported the reform of the current Treaty in order to ensure that the enlarged EU has the institutional framework, decision-making process and legal basis for policies it needs in order to meet its objectives. This Treaty provides the legal framework for a stronger Europe capable of achieving the Lisbon goals and the challenges faced by the EU.

*“We in BUSINESSEUROPE have put the institutional aspects at the heart of our priorities because, as in companies, good governance is key to achieve strategies. We now need swift ratification of this Treaty in order to allow the EU to concentrate on achieving its economic and social objectives”* said BUSINESSEUROPE President Ernest-Antoine Seillière.

It is of paramount importance that the reform Treaty is ratified by the Member States before the European Parliament elections in 2009.

#### 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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