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SUCCESSFUL COMPANIES FOR A SUCCESSFUL EUROPE

BUSINESSEUROPE's political messages, presented today to Commission President José Manuel Barroso focus on the future, under the motto: "Successful companies for a successful Europe".

European companies want to help set and realise the right priorities for Europe for the right decisions when addressing tomorrow's big challenges, whether in trade, energy, environment or demography. Europe can create the best conditions for economic growth and we want Europe to support its companies in world competition.

BUSINESSEUROPE calls on the Commission to focus on its economic compass and to put a renewed emphasis on fostering growth, job creation and competitiveness.

BUSINESSEUROPE outlines "winning priorities" for European business:

- implement the reforms for growth and jobs;
- enforce the single market;
- reform social systems and focus on flexicurity when reforming labour markets;
- open markets further to address the test of globalisation;
- ensure sound political and economic governance;
- and promote a secure, competitive and climate-friendly energy system.

Ernest-Antoine Seillière, President of BUSINESSEUROPE, said: *"We fight for successful companies for a successful Europe. Our winning priorities will provide the foundations for a successful European economy, future growth and job creation."*

To read the messages, please visit:

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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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