

Members of COREPER I

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Dear Ambassador,

We are writing to you in view of the discussions you will have next Wednesday, 11 February, on the Commission proposal to simplify the publication obligations in the national gazette for EU companies.

We would like to ask you to support the Commission initiative, since we believe that the obligation for companies to publish data in the national gazette should not be maintained unless it is an e-version and there is no additional charge for its publication.

We welcome in particular the proposal whereby Member States would ensure that companies are not charged a specific fee, which is very appreciated at a time when all costs have to be reviewed.

We thank you in advance for taking BUSINESSEUROPE's views into consideration and remain at your disposal should you wish to discuss this subject any further.

Yours sincerely,

Philippe de Buck