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Better Regulation: We will be satisfied when companies feel the 25% reduction of administrative burdens.

The new administrative burden reduction proposals and progress report for reducing administrative burdens presented today by Commission President Barroso and Vice-President Verheugen is a new effort to ease the administrative burden for companies.

More must be done for businesses to see real effects in their day-to-day operations. There are policy areas where not many reductions have been achieved, such as health and safety and the environment.

Reaching the target of reducing administrative burdens with 25% by 2012 will be a challenge but remains essential. It will lead to an estimated increase of 1.5% in EU GDP.

Administrative burden reduction proposals should be adopted rapidly. For example, proposals to remove requirements for electronic invoicing are blocked for too long at Council level.

Philippe de Buck, Director General of BUSINESSEUROPE, said: *“The Commission should go ahead with the reduction of administrative burdens. We also need strong commitment from the Council and the European Parliament to reduce administrative burdens. We will be satisfied when companies feel in their daily life that the minus 25% is a reality”.*

NOTE TO THE EDITOR

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