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Dear President Schulz,
Honourable Members of the European Parliament,

BUSINESSEUROPE strongly welcomes the political agreement reached by the European Council and the European Parliament on the Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) 2014-2020. It clearly reveals the capacity of the European Institutions to work together and find compromises, even in such a difficult context.

An agreement on the financial framework is fundamental to providing the necessary certainty for companies to understand the EU's priorities for the coming years and properly prepare their investment projects. We therefore count on the European Parliament to adopt the political resolution in plenary next week and to bring discussions on the MFF a step closer to conclusion.

The EU must now focus on delivering growth and employment. When implementing the compromise reached, it will therefore be of paramount importance to optimize the use of funds which are most supportive of growth, notably those earmarked for research and innovation, the Connecting Europe Facility, and SMEs.

Yours sincerely,

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