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## **EU-CHINA BUSINESS SUMMIT POLITICAL LEADERS PLENARY SESSION**

### **REMARKS BY EMMA MARCEGAGLIA, PRESIDENT OF BUSINESSEUROPE**

#### OPENING REMARKS

Your Excellencies  
Prime Minister Li Keqiang,  
President Juncker,  
Honourable guests,  
Ladies and Gentlemen,

I am delighted to welcome you today in Brussels for the 10<sup>th</sup> EU-China Business Summit. We feel honoured that you have taken the time to join us and I thank you for this, particularly because this is a very important year: we celebrate 40 years of EU-China relations.

A lot has happened over these past 40 years. The EU and China have developed strong ties. We have seen the two economies growing fast, benefiting from the participation in the multilateral trading system and experiencing a spectacular increase in bilateral trade. The EU is China's number one trading partner, while China is the second trading partner of the EU. Together we trade over €1 billion a day. Moreover China is once again playing a leading role in the world economy and this makes our relationship even more important and with more potential to expand.

*"Building a stronger partnership"* is the theme of this year's Business Summit and we will focus our discussions on ways to enhance cooperation between the EU and China, promoting innovation and supporting the competitiveness of our companies by strengthening investments in prominent areas of common interest, such as green economy or industry 4.0.

We are very interested in hearing our distinguished speakers so I will immediately hand the floor to the President of the European Commission, Jean-Claude Juncker, to share with us his views.

*[Speech by Jean-Claude Juncker]*



*[Introduction by Jiang Zengwei]*

*[Speech by Li Keqiang]*

Thank you, Premier Li for your very insightful remarks.

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CLOSING REMARKS

Your Excellencies,  
Ladies and Gentlemen,

I think these were very enlightening remarks that will set the tone for our discussions the rest of the day.

On behalf of the co-organisers of this EU-China Business Summit, BUSINESSEUROPE and the China Council for the Promotion of International Trade (CCPIT), as well as our valuable partners, the European Union Chamber of Commerce in China (EUCCC) and the EU-China Business Association (EUCBA), I would like to thank you once again for being with us today. This is a clear sign of how important a good public-private partnership is in boosting growth and improving competitiveness.

To the rest of us, I wish open and fruitful discussions. Thank you.

