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Dear President,

## Message to EU Council meeting on 19-20 December 2024

### Strengthening our economy is essential for Europe's resilience and preparedness

On 19-20 December 2024, the European Council will discuss the situation in Ukraine and in the Middle East, the role of the EU in the world, how to strengthen EU resilience, preparedness, crisis prevention and response capacities.

Huge investments are required to address the many challenges facing Europe. Having a strong economy is essential to be able to deliver security, support Ukraine and ensure social cohesion as well as successful green and digital transformations.

In its recent Warsaw declaration, BusinessEurope's Council of Presidents (enclosed) underline 10 key action points to address Europe's competitiveness gap and ensure that Europe remains an anchor of peace, prosperity and stability.

Uncertainties and tensions are rising. There is no time to waste. We count on the European Council to join forces with the European Commission, the European Parliament and the European business community to act rapidly on these 10 key points in order to enhance Europe's economic resilience and preparedness.

Yours sincerely,

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President

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