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### The Irish vote is a 'yes' for jobs

The 'yes' given by the Irish people to the Lisbon Treaty will translate into more and better jobs. It is a 'yes' for Europe and vital for Ireland's recovery. Also, the Lisbon Treaty will help Irish companies grow in a fast-changing world.

With the outcome of the Irish referendum, the process of ratifying the Lisbon Treaty is one step closer to realisation. Given the economic and social crisis facing us it is all the more important to speed up the ratification process. This will allow the new Commission to work efficiently under the new Treaty rules.

Jürgen R. Thumann, President of BUSINESSEUROPE: *"The Irish 'yes' is good for Ireland, its people and for Europe. BUSINESSEUROPE highly appreciates the tireless efforts of its Irish member federation, IBEC, which contributed to the success of the referendum."*

#### NOTE TO THE EDITOR

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