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### **BUSINESSEUROPE MEETS SPANISH STATE SECRETARY FOR CLIMATE**

Mrs Teresa Ribera today presented the EU Spanish Presidency's priorities for environment policy and in particular for climate to the BUSINESSEUROPE Industrial Affairs Committee, chaired by Juan J. Nava, Chairman of the CEOE Environment Committee.

BUSINESSEUROPE underlined that the pledges for action recently appended to the Copenhagen Accord are insufficient to tackle climate challenge globally, and do not brighten the prospect for a level playing field for European industry. European companies will continue to face competition distortions at international level.

BUSINESSEUROPE stressed that the EU climate strategy on climate change should create more opportunities for European business to develop environmental technologies.

Concerning the EU Emission Trading Scheme, the EU should implement the revised ETS Directive in a way that effectively prevents migration of industrial production, jobs and carbon emissions from Europe to other parts of the world.

On all these issues Mrs Ribera said that more dialogue with business and industry was needed.

#### NOTE TO THE EDITOR

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