

## **EUROCHAMBRES' reaction to Barroso speech on "State of the Union"**

Commenting on today's speech by European Commission President José Manuel Barroso on "The State of the Union", Arnaldo Abruzzini, Secretary General of EUROCHAMBRES, said: *"The Commission President's so-called 'State of the Union' speech in fact amounted to little more than a presentation of the administration's priorities. We were reassured that Europe 2020 featured among these since businesses identify the stimulation of competitiveness, enterprise, employment and growth as essential elements in our response to resource, climate and social challenges. Nonetheless, President Barroso said nothing to relieve our concerns about the delivery of Europe 2020 by the EU's increasingly inward looking member states."*

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