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Alessandro Barberis re-elected President of EUROCHAMBRES

Alessandro Barberis, President of the Turin Chamber of Commerce, was re-elected for a second mandate as the President of the Association of European Chambers of Commerce and Industry. The elections were held at EUROCHAMBRES' 110th Plenary Assembly in Brussels.

Alessandro Barberis was born in 1937 in Turin, Italy. Since 2004 he is the President of the Turin Chamber of Commerce and, since 2008, the Vice President of the ICC – International Chamber of Commerce. Prior to that, he was Managing Director and Vice Chairman of FIAT, Italy's biggest automobile manufacturer. At present he serves as an advisor to a number of Italian companies. Mr Barberis has been President of EUROCHAMBRES since 1 January 2010.

A photo of Mr Barberis can be downloaded from www.eurochambres.eu/Content/Default.asp?PageID=1&DocID=2009

His CV can be downloaded from www.eurochambres.eu/Content/Default.asp?PageID=1&DocID=2010

New Deputy and Vice Presidents

EUROCHAMBRES' Plenary Assembly also elected three Deputy and five Vice Presidents.

New Deputy Presidents: Martha Schultz (Austria), Pierre Gramegna (Luxembourg) and Rifat Hisarciklioglu (Turkey). Deputy Presidents have a two-year mandate (2012-2013).

New Vice-Presidents: André Marcon (France); Richard Weber (Germany); Andrzej Arendarski (Poland); Miquel Valls i Maseda (Spain); Martyn Thomas Pellew (United Kingdom). Vice-Presidents have a one-year mandate (2012).

During the Plenary Assembly, EUROCHAMBRES issued a Declaration on restoring confidence in Europe's economy, which can be consulted at: <u>http://www.eurochambres.eu/Content/Default.asp?PageID=1&DocID=3730</u>

Photos from the Plenary Assembly are available at: <u>http://old.eurochambres.eu/gallery/thumbnails.php?album=261</u>

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