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EUROCHAMBRES welcomes historic deal on constitution and the capability to act of the EU 25

EUROCHAMBRES, the Association of European Chambers of Commerce and Industry, welcomed the agreement on the first constitution of the European Union. *“This is a big step forward for Europe”,* Christoph Leitl, President of EUROCHAMBRES, said. *“Heads of State have shown European commitment and delivered a proof of the capability to act in the enlarged Europe of 25 Member States. Finally, the EU has got a common basis document which was urgently needed.”*

The new treaty will make Europe more transparent and streamline decision-making which is the precondition for Europe to play a key role in the international field, Chambers said. Especially, the extension of the qualified majority voting will considerably speed up the decision making process. *“This is of utmost importance for Europe in order to achieve its ambitious goals of economic growth and employment”,* Mr Leitl said.

EUROCHAMBRES urged European leaders to reach an early deal on the new President of the European Commission and requested a pro-economy Commission head.

Mr Leitl stated: *“The economy has to be put at the top of the European Union’s political agenda for the coming 5 years. We need a Commission whose leitmotif is economic rejuvenation and expect the new President to be a driver and a promoter of this overarching principle.”*

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