

## European Chambers hail Irish YES to Lisbon Treaty

European Chambers, and the 19 million businesses they represent, warmly welcome the positive outcome of the Irish referendum. Streamlined and transparent decision making processes, and a strong and reinforced involvement of EU citizens – provided for by the Lisbon Treaty – can only be good for European business.

The Irish “Yes” now piles pressure on the Czech Republic and Poland to ratify the Treaty as well. No doubts that the judgment of the Czech Constitutional Court will be a crucial step for the future of the Lisbon Treaty.

Arnaldo Abruzzini, EUROCHAMBRES’ Secretary General, stated: *“Ireland affirmed its credentials as a forward looking member state; we call on the remaining countries to hasten their ratification process. Now more than ever with this period of economic turmoil we need a strong and united outlook in Europe.”*

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