

## **EUROCHAMBRES greets historical vote on patent package**

Today's agreement on the patent package is an encouraging sign that Member States are resisting the temptation to focus on domestic interests in these difficult economic times. We welcome this breakthrough that will significantly reduce administrative burdens and boost European innovation.

Regrettably, two major European economies, Italy and Spain, are not part of this historical agreement. This is a concern for businesses, since counterfeit goods may enter through these two countries and circulate freely in the single market. Chambers thus call on European leaders to make every effort to broaden the agreement to all 27 Member States.

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