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Subject: Invitation to speak at the 8th European Business Summit in Brussels on 30 June/1 July 2010

Dear President

On behalf of BUSINESSEUROPE and the Federation of Enterprises in Belgium (FEB), I have the pleasure to invite you to address the next European Business Summit (EBS) which will focus on how to put Europe back on track.

The 8th EBS will take place on 30 June and 1 July 2010 at Tour & Taxis in Brussels on the occasion of the transfer of the Spanish to the Belgian EU Presidency. The EBS will be the first event of the Belgian EU Presidency and will hand over the business priorities and recommendations (CEO survey) to re-ignite growth in Europe to EU decision-makers

The EBS is the key meeting place in Europe bringing together high-level decisionmakers and business leaders. Last years' EBS, "Dare and Care: sustaining Europe's ambitions", attracted about 2.700 participants from over 60 nationalities, 250 journalists, 12 European Commissioners and a series of other high-ranking personalities, such as the President of Turkey, H.E. Abdullah Gül. Please find the 7th EBS report enclosed.

Since we consider your views on Europe's future as highly relevant and contributing to make the next summit again a success, we would like to invite you to be speaker in the President's Debate "Europe 2020: a joint agenda for Growth?" preliminary scheduled on Wednesday 30 June from 17:15 - 13:30. If your agenda does not allow you to attend the summit on 30 June, we would like to invite you instead to the Closing plenary "Europe in the world: ready to lead?" on Thursday 1 July from 15:30 -16:45. Please find a draft 2010 programme enclosed.

We sincerely hope that you are willing to accept this invitation and we look forward to receiving your reply.

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Yours sincerely.