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PRESS RELEASE

New President of the European Council and High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy

Brussels, Belgium, November 19, 2009 – YES – The European Confederation of Young Entrepreneurs congratulates both Herman Van Rompuy and Catherine Ashton on their appointment at the meeting of the Heads of State and Government of the EU as the President of the European Council and the High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, respectively.

Ms. Ashton and Mr. Van Rompuy will be among the leading figures in the European institutions representing the EU abroad, once the Treaty of Lisbon enters into force on December 1st, 2009.

YES believes that the joint efforts of these two eminent politicians with proven record will lead the European society to a better state in the Globe, especially regarding the international affairs which would fulfil the high expectations of the global community from the EU. Also, in times of economic slowdown, the European Union needs better functioning of the Union, which could be provided with these key figures more efficiently.