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Dear Mr Battistelli,

I would like to congratulate you on your election as President of the European Patent Office (EPO), as from 1 July 2010.

BUSINESSEUROPE, the Confederation of European Business, recognises the key role of the EPO in the functioning of the European patent system, especially at a crucial time when Europe is deciding on the future shape of its patent system. As you know, BUSINESSEUROPE is actively involved in this process to stress the need of an efficient and cost-effective patent system for Europe's innovation.

BUSINESSEUROPE is also very supportive of the efforts of the EPO to address the global problem of growing patent workloads together with the other patent offices in the main patent regions of the world.

We have engaged in developing a close working relationship with the EPO through our participation in various EPO-bodies and the work of the Industry Trilateral.

We trust that we will continue this close cooperation with you.

I am looking forward to discussing those issues directly with you in a meeting once you assume your new position.

Once again, I would like to extend to you my warmest congratulations and wish you every success in your new position.

Yours sincerely,

Philippe de Buck