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ONE STEP CLOSER TO AN INDUSTRIAL POLICY OF THE **21**ST CENTURY

BUSINESSEUROPE welcomes the renewed attention given to the competitiveness of European industry. In its communication "*A Stronger European Industry for Growth and Economic Recovery*", published today, the Commission rightly recognises the importance of a strong and competitive European industry to ensure growth and a sustainable recovery.

The communication is an important contribution to bring the EU closer to a modern industrial policy. Europe needs to create a policy environment which is attractive for investors and which lets industry look in all directions of innovation.

Philippe de Buck, Director General of BUSINESSEUROPE commented: "The business community is pleased to see efforts by Commission Vice-President Tajani to keep industrial policy at the heart of European policy-making. Today's report is an important step to improve framework conditions for industrial investment and innovation in Europe. BUSINESSEUROPE will continue to work with decision-makers to go even further and to create an industrial strategy for the 21st century."

NOTE TO THE EDITOR

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