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Press Speaking points**

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Following his meeting with Frederick REINFELDT, Swedish Prime Minister and President in office of the European Council, Jerzy BUZEK, President of the European Parliament and Jan FISCHER, Czech Prime Minister

First of all let me welcome the very clear position now expressed to all of us by Prime Minister Fischer of the Czech Republic. The commitment of the Czech government is certainly very important, and it demonstrates the commitment to move forward as quickly as possible.

After the Yes vote, the resounding Yes in Ireland, all Member States have democratically approved the Lisbon Treaty, either by Parliament or by popular vote. What we need now is to complete the procedures of ratification. Poland will do it this week. I never had doubts about it, President Kaczynski has promised it to me several months ago and this will be done. So we have only the issue of the Czech Republic. This commitment of the Czech Republic is very clear.

Of course we respect fully the constitutional order in the Czech Republic as we have respected the constitutional order in other Member States. We need to wait for the constitutional process to be completed.

Once this is done, we see no reason why further delays should happen.

I hope by the end of the month we will have further clarity so that I can appoint a new Commission and distribute the portfolios as quickly as possible. I am ready to form this new Commission, I have the support of the Council, I have the support of the Parliament, but I need of course to have the Council ready to tell me which is the legal basis to operate and also to propose a name for its representative that will be Vice-President of the Commission. I am ready, I hope the European Council will be ready as soon as possible.

Let me tell you that I am very happy about the way the Swedish Presidency has steered this process towards completion and next steps. Thank you Fredrik for your initiative for this meeting. It was indeed a very fruitful meeting and I really appreciate all these efforts.

The fact that we are here together, the presence of the three political institutions of the European Union: the Council, the Parliament and the Commission come to you with such a clear position is indeed a signal of our joint commitment to make Europe concentrate on what matters most for the citizens. Citizens want results for their daily concerns so I hope that Lisbon Treaty can soon enter into force - paving the way for Europe to focus on results that matter to the daily lives of our citizens.