

**Statement by José Manuel Barroso, President of the European Commission on the approval of the Treaty of Lisbon by the Danish Parliament.**

I would like to welcome the positive vote on the Treaty of Lisbon by the Danish Parliament today. The Treaty provides for a more effective, democratic, accountable and stronger Union externally. I would like to thank the Danish Government for its constructive role during the negotiation of the Treaty and pay tribute to the example that the Danish Parliament has set in terms of transparency and scrutiny of European legislation. Denmark is the 10<sup>th</sup> member state to complete the parliamentary process of approval of the Treaty. The ratification process is well advanced in the other member states and I look forward to its successful conclusion.

*Background: The Treaty of Lisbon has now been approved by the parliaments of 10 Member States: Hungary, Malta, Slovenia, Rumania, France, Bulgaria, Poland, Slovakia, Portugal and Denmark*