

Statement of President Barroso on the approval of the Treaty of Lisbon by the Belgian Parliaments

I want to congratulate Belgium on the approval of the Treaty of Lisbon today.

I want to thank the Belgian Government and Parliaments for their strong support for the Treaty.

We are privileged to have the headquarters of the European Commission in Brussels, which is rightly known as the capital of Europe, and I want to thank the Belgian Government for the continuing support for the European project. Today's vote brings the number of countries that have completed the parliamentary process on the Treaty of Lisbon to twenty two. This is a strong signal of how important it is that all Member States are heard during the ratification process.