Implementation of the Lisbon Treaty - appointments

– The European Council today appointed\(^1\), with the agreement of the President of the Commission, and in accordance with article 18(1) of the Lisbon Treaty, Catherine Ashton as High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy for the period from the end of the current term of office of the Commission until 31 October 2014 (1/09).

– For the same period, the Council today also adopted\(^2\) by common accord with the President-elect of the next Commission, José Manuel Durão Barroso, and in accordance with article 17(3) and (4) and 17(7) of the Lisbon Treaty the list of the other persons whom it proposes for appointments as members of the Commission (16937/09).

In accordance with article 17(7), third paragraph, of the Lisbon Treaty, the President, the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and the other members of the Commission will be subject as a body to a vote of consent by the European Parliament.

\(^1\) The decision was taken by written procedure. On 1 December 2009 Catherine Ashton was appointed High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy until the end of the current term of office of the Commission.

\(^2\) The decision was taken, without debate, at a meeting of the Council in charge of Competitiveness in Brussels.