



**COUNCIL OF  
THE EUROPEAN UNION**



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## **Implementation of the Treaty of Lisbon**

Today, day of the entry into force of the Treaty of Lisbon, several decisions were taken in view of the implementation of the Treaty.

Following the political agreement reached by the Heads of State or Government on 19 November the European Council decided:

- To elect Mr Herman Van Rompuy as President of the European Council for the period from 1 December 2009 until 31 May 2012, and
- To appoint, with the agreement of the President of the Commission, Ms Catherine Ashton as High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy for the period from 1 December 2009 until the end of the current term of office of the Commission.

# **P R E S S**

The European Council also adopted its rules of procedure and a decision on the exercise of the Presidency of the Council.<sup>1</sup>

Furthermore, the Council decided today<sup>2</sup> to appoint Mr Pierre de Boissieu as Secretary-General of the Council for the period from 1 December 2009 until the day after the European Council meeting of June 2011.

It also adopted its Rules of Procedure, as well as a decision laying down measures for the implementation of the European Council decision on the exercise of the Presidency of the Council.

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<sup>1</sup> The decisions were adopted by written procedure.

<sup>2</sup> Justice and Home Affairs Council of 1 December 2009.