



**COUNCIL OF  
THE EUROPEAN UNION**

**COMMISSION OF  
THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES**

The President of the Council of the European Union and the President of the Commission of the European Communities present their compliments to your Organisation and have the honour to notify it of the following:

The Treaty of Lisbon amending the Treaty on European Union and the Treaty establishing the European Community will enter into force on 1 December 2009.

As a consequence, as from that date the European Union will replace and succeed the European Community (Article 1, third paragraph, of the Treaty on European Union as it results from the amendments introduced by the Treaty of Lisbon).

Therefore, as from that date the European Union will exercise all rights and assume all obligations of the European Community, including its status in the Organisation, whilst continuing to exercise existing rights and assume obligations of the European Union.

In particular, as from that date the European Union will succeed to all agreements concluded and all commitments made by the European Community with your Organisation and to all agreements or commitments adopted within your Organisation and binding on the European Community.

As from that date the Delegation of the European Commission accredited to your organisation becomes the "Delegation of the European Union".

Consequential changes to representation arrangements will be communicated in due course.

The relevant body or authority in your Organisation is kindly requested to take, where necessary, the appropriate steps in this respect.

The President of the Council of the European Union and the President of the Commission of the European Communities avail themselves of this opportunity to renew to your Organisation the assurances of their highest consideration.

Brussels, 27 November 2009

