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Subject: Support for the **European Parliament Written Declaration Initiative 0035/2008 on the Small Business Act.**

Following the discussions at the SME Parliamentary Coordination Group\* the SME UNION warmly welcomes and endorses the European Parliament Written Declaration Initiative 0035/2008 on a Small Business Act for Europe, submitted by MEPs Othmar Karas, Edit Herczog, Wolf Klinz, Olle Schmidt and Alexander Radwan

- underlining the importance that **all involved public authorities**, (i.e. the European Commission, the Member States, the regions) **commit themselves to making the implementation of the SBA a success for European SMEs** and
- **urging MEPs from all political parties to sign up to this declaration as soon as possible**, illustrating the European Parliament's support for an ambitious, result-oriented SBA that will deliver tangible results for Europe's SMEs.

\* The "SME Parliamentary Coordination Group" gathers as a platform, business representatives from EU business umbrella organizations in dialogue with the European Institutions. Its aim is to enhance the exchange of ideas between businesses organizations and the major political groups of the European Parliament in order to create the best possible environment for an effective and strong SME policy.

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