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## **Chancellor Merkel keynote speaker at German SME Union summit: President Jungen welcomes political entrepreneurship support**

Only one week after Dr. Angela Merkel's re-election as German Chancellor she followed the invitation by the German SME Union "Mittelstands- und Wirtschaftsvereinigung der CDU/CSU" (MIT) to be the keynote speaker at their 9<sup>th</sup> biannual Federal Congress last Friday 6 November 2009 in Berlin.

In her speech chancellor Merkel underlined the importance of SMEs as crucial part of the solution out of the current economic crisis. "The way out of the crisis will be led by the entrepreneurs and businesses. Only if we improve the framework conditions for SMEs and give them enough freedom and autonomy, they will be able to prosper. Those who are willing to work and to contribute have to be encouraged by the legislative framework conditions" highlighted Merkel in her speech.

SME UNION President Peter Jungen, welcomed Angela Merkel's clear support to cut red tape and reduce bureaucratic obstacles especially for SMEs. Jungen applauded to her announcement for another tax reform which will be targeted especially at medium incomes in order to give the tax payers incentives and motivation to support those in need.

The SME UNION Presidency was also present at the meetings in Berlin and enjoyed personally meeting with the German chancellor. German SME Union President Dr. Josef Schlarmann and MIT federal treasurer Peter Jungen were re-elected in their functions with an overwhelming majority. The SME UNION family congratulates to these successful and important events.

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