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Press Release

Corrado Pirzio-Biroli elected as new President of the European Landowners' Organization

The European Landowners' Organization is pleased to announce Corrado Pirzio-Biroli's appointment as its new President at ELO's General Assembly in Brussels on 21st June 2010.

At a time when the debate on Europe's foremost common policy, the CAP, is really heating up, ELO is delighted to be able to count Corrado Pirzio-Biroli as its president. He has unrivalled experience in this area given his 10 years as former Commissioner Fischler's Chief of Staff, not to mention numerous other important functions within the Commission, in a career that spanned over thirty years. He actively participated in the key steering groups, which elaborated the Fischler's reform of the CAP (2000,2003-2004) and the Commission proposals regarding the European Constitution, the Agenda 2000 on the Financial Perspectives 2000-2006, and the New Financial Perspectives for the EU in 2007-2013. Corrado Pirzio-Biroli also took part in preparatory talks regarding the Doha Development Agenda and the preparation of the WTO negotiating framework agreed in July 2004.

Upon his appointment, Corrado Pirzio-Biroli expressed his desire to draw on ELO's huge membership in Europe and to maintain and enhance ELO's high level contacts with the EU institutions.

The new President will be assisted by Secretary General of ELO Thierry de l'Escaille, three executive vice-presidents Luke Borwick (Scotland), Michael Prinz zu Salm-Salm (Germany), Etienne Snyers (Belgium) and as well as Treasurer Charles Keane (Ireland). Moreover, a new farmers' and land managers' advisory committee will be created to discuss challenges faced by farmers and land managers.