

EUROPEAN COUNCIL DECISION
of 1 December 2009
electing the President of the European Council
(2009/879/EU)

THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL,

Having regard to the Treaty on the European Union, and in particular Article 15(5) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) The Treaty of Lisbon institutes the new office of President of the European Council.
- (2) The President of the European Council should be elected,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Mr Herman VAN ROMPUY is hereby elected President of the European Council for the period from 1 December 2009 until 31 May 2012.

Article 2

This Decision shall be notified to Mr Herman VAN ROMPUY by the Secretary-General of the Council.

It shall be published in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

Done at Brussels, 1 December 2009.

For the European Council

The President

F. REINFELDT
