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**President of the European Council  
Herman Van Rompuy  
congratulates Bohuslav Sobotka,  
the new Prime Minister of the Czech Republic**

On behalf of the European Union, I would like to congratulate Prime Minister Bohuslav Sobotka on the formation of the new government of the Czech Republic.

I am confident that his leadership will successfully take the country through challenges ahead and continue Czech Republic's constructive role and contribution to important European and regional issues.

I look forward to cooperating with Prime Minister Bohuslav Sobotka and to welcoming him at the next European Council in March.

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