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**President of the European Council
Herman Van Rompuy
congratulates Ewa Kopacz
as Prime Minister of Poland**

On behalf of the European Union, I am very pleased to welcome Ewa Kopacz as the new Prime Minister of Poland. She will be the second woman leading Poland's government under democracy. I strongly believe that she will succeed in leading her country forward as well as in contributing to the European debate and integration. I look forward to welcoming Ewa Kopacz to the next European Council on the 23-24 of October.

I would also like to congratulate Donald Tusk for his work and accomplishments as the Prime Minister of Poland in the last seven years and for our excellent cooperation in the European Council in the last five years. I am confident he will accomplish his new mission successfully.
