

**EU-Japan Business Dialogue Round Table
Berlin Meeting, 3-4 June 2007**



“Joining forces for competitiveness and sustainability”
Executive Summary

The EU-Japan Business Dialogue Round Table (BDRT) held its annual meeting in the headquarters of the Federation of German Industries (BDI) in Berlin on 3-4 June 2007, in advance of the Japan-EU summit. The meeting brought together business leaders from leading EU and Japanese corporations, and was co-chaired by Baron Georges Jacobs, chairman of the board of UCB, and Mr. Tadashi Okamura, chairman of the board of Toshiba Corporation.

As a strong supporter of the WTO DDA negotiations, the BDRT continues to urge the European Commission and the Government of Japan to exert their utmost efforts in concluding ambitious negotiations by the end of this year, leading to new commercial opportunities for industrial goods and services and a binding trade facilitation agreement.

The BDRT is committed to creating the necessary conditions to deepen the full potential of EU-Japan economic relations, which are far from being fully exploited. With that in view and in line with its commitment to the WTO, the BDRT proposes Japan and the EU authorities to establish a task force with business support to explore the feasibility of a Japan-EU Economic Integration Agreement, which should be an enriched economic agreement that includes priority issues for business such as strengthened regulatory cooperation, intellectual property, trade enhancement, and improving the investment environment.

The BDRT members drew serious attention to the joint challenge to ensure availability of environmentally sound energy at a reasonable price. The BDRT supports promotion of the practical advantages of energy efficiency, and reducing reliance on fossil fuels with dissemination of current technology and development of innovative technologies. For a post-Kyoto Protocol framework, the participation of major carbon-emitting countries, such as the United States, China and India is essential.