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President Barroso congratulates the new Prime Minister of Australia, Ms Julia Gillard, on her appointment

José Manuel Barroso, President of the European Commission, has today sent the following message of congratulations to the newly appointed Prime Minister of Australia Ms Julia Gillard:

"I would like to congratulate you on your appointment of Prime Minister of Australia and I wish you every success in the exercise of your mandate.

I look forward to working with you and your Government as we continue to strengthen the important bilateral relationship between the European Union and Australia and to meet global challenges, in particular climate change. Both the EU and Australia also have a responsibility to ensure the G-20 process delivers on its efforts to bring the growth and market stability our citizens need to improve global financial and economic governance."