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Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection  
The Chairman

IMCO-10-0317

Brussels, 14 Oktober 2010

To the Chair of the Committee concerned

Dear Colleague,

**Invitation for the "Single Market Forum" a public hearing on the future directions of single market policy**

The European Parliament's Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection (IMCO), of which I have the honour to be Chairman, is organising a "Single Market Forum", a public hearing the future directions of single market policy with the involvement of the European Commission and the Belgian Presidency of the European Union.

The Forum, for which a draft programme is attached, is scheduled to take place in the hemicycle of the European Parliament in Brussels between 15.00 p.m. and 18.30 p.m. on Tuesday 9 November 2010. I am pleased to invite interested members and officials of the relevant committee(s) of your national Parliament to attend the Forum.

The Single Market, a policy programme that lies at the heart of the European Union, has been under much debate at a time of economic slow down and rising unemployment. The Forum aims to promote discussion around five reports and resolutions, recently adopted by Parliament. These cover the Internal Market and Consumer Market Scoreboards, SOLVIT and Delivering a Single Market to Consumers and Citizens.

The Forum anticipates the adoption of a "Single Market Act" on 27 October 2010. Three panels, roughly corresponding to the chapters of the Single Market Act, will discuss the concerns of businesses, Europeans and governance issues. During the first panel an intervention of Commissioner Barnier is foreseen in which he will outline the Commission's proposals.

I look forward to receiving confirmation of your attendance.

Yours faithfully

Malcolm Harbour

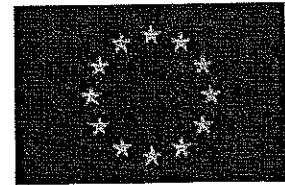
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Annex:

- Draft programme
- Practical details
- Access Plan



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## Single Market Forum

**A Public Hearing on the Future Direction of Single Market Policy**

**Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection (IMCO)  
with the involvement of the European Commission  
and the Belgian Presidency of the European Union**

**Tuesday 9 November, 15.00-18.30  
European Parliament, Hemicycle, Brussels**

### Final Programme

#### Opening

- 15.00 Welcome by Mr Malcolm HARBOUR, Chairman of IMCO
- 15.15 Opening speech by Mr Vincent van QUICKENBORNE, Belgian Federal Minister in charge of the Internal Market

#### **Panel 1: Single Market Act- Challenges and opportunities for consumers and enterprises**

**Moderator: Mr Louis Grech (MEP)**

- 15.30 Intervention by Mr Michel BARNIER, Commission for Internal Market and Services (Presentation Single Market Act)
- 16:00 Professor Mario Monti
- 16.15 Discussion with Members

#### **Panel 2: Single Market Act- Better governance of the Single Market**

**Moderator: Mrs Roza Thun (MEP)**

- 16:45 Introduction by Roza THUN (MEP)
- 16:50 Intervention by Mr Olivier CHASTEL, State Secretary for European Affairs, President in office

17.05 Fabian Zuleeg, European Policy Centre

17.20 Discussion with Members

<b>Panel 3: Single Market Act- Communication and Empowerment of citizens</b>
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**Moderator: Mr Christian Busoi (MEP)**

17.45 Consumer organisations, Mrs Monique GOYENS, BEUC

18.00 Business organisations, Mr Philippe De BUCK, BUSINESSEUROPE

18.15 Closing remarks by coordinators