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to the Commission

Subject: Deregulation in EU telecommunications policy

1. The current package of telecommunications directives dating from 2003, which is currently being revised, was conceived by the Commission as a transitional arrangement. The Commission's express intention was always to use the regulatory framework to steer the sector into a competitive environment.

Will the Commission, in accordance with this aim, reduce and simplify this legal framework for telecommunications policy? If so, how and when will it do this? If not, how does it justify this deviation from its original aim?

2. How can the increasing regulatory measures being taken in the telecommunications sector (e.g. price setting in the mobile sector, broadband networks) be combined with the basic principle of Better Regulation and less bureaucracy?

3. Is the Commission in favour of centralisation of market surveillance in the telecommunications sector? What legal basis does it consider appropriate for EU competencies in this area?

4. How exactly is responsibility for competition in the telecommunications sector split in the European Commission between the 'competition' and the 'information society' departments? What forms does cooperation between the two departments take?