COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS

Workshop

organized by Policy Department C,
Citizens' Rights and Constitutional Affairs

Lobbying the European Union

Monday, 8 October 2007
15.00 - 18.30
Brussels, room Anna Lindh (PHS 1 A 002)

15.00 - 15.15 Welcome by the Chairman and introduction by the rapporteur (Alexander Stubb)

Session I

Lobbying in the EU and the USA

15.15 - 15.30 Lobbying in the EU (David Coen, University College London)

Short overview on current lobbying practices in the EU institutions (venues, institutional demands and resources); assessment of the objectives and measures proposed by the Commission in the European Transparency Initiative (ETI)

15.30 - 15.45 Lobbying in the USA (Craig Holman, Public Citizen, Washington, D.C.)

Short overview on lobbying in the US; comments on the ETI with special reference to the experience gained in the U.S. with the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995

15.45 - 15.55 Comments by Siim Kallas; Vice-President of the European Commission

15.55 - 16.15 Debate
**Session II**

The future for lobbying the European Union - concrete proposals

16.15 - 17.15  Contributions by representatives of different lobbying actors highlighting their particular issues of concern, with special reference to the ETI

BusinessEurope (Philippe de Buck)
BEUC (Jim Murray)

SEAP (Lyn Trytsman-Gray, Kraft Foods)
EPACA (José Lalloum)

Corporate Europe Observatory (Erik Wesselius)
ALTER-EU (Paul de Clerck, Friends of the Earth)

Daimler AG (Hanns Glatz)

CCBE (Thomas Tindemans, White&Case)

17.15 - 18.15  Roundtable discussion

18.15 - 18.30  Closing remarks by the rapporteur