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Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection

IMCO_PV(2006)0124

MINUTES

of the meeting of 24 January 2006, from 16.00 to 18;30,
and 25 January 2006, from 9.00 to 12.30

BRUSSELS

The meeting opened at 16.00 on Tuesday, 24 January 2006, with acting Chair the 1st Vice-President Mrs. Charlotte CEDERSCHIÖLD.

The Chair then invited the Members to stand for a minute's silence to honour the memory of the late Chairman Phillip WHITEHEAD.

Several members paid tribute to his political stature and to his able chairmanship, with some indicating they would attend the memorial service in Derby Cathedral on 29 January.

In the presence of the Council and the European Commission

1. Election of the new Chair

Mrs. Arlene McCARTHY (PSE/UK) was elected new Chair by acclamation.

2. Chair's communications

The Chair welcomed a new member in the committee, Mrs. Anja WEISGERBER, replacing Mr. Joachim Wuermeling who has left the EP. Members were further informed the coordinators' meeting planned after the committee meeting had been postponed to 30 January.

3. **Financing of European Standardisation**

IMCO/6/30004

Rapporteur: Zita Pleštinšká (EPP-ED)

Consideration of amendments

***I 2005/0157(COD) COM(2005)0377 C6-0252/2005

Speakers: Zita Pleštinšká, Alexander Lambsdorff, Evelyne Gebhardt, Barbara Weiler, Edit Herczog, Norbert Anselmann (Commission representative).

4. **European contract law and the revision of the acquis: the way forward**

IMCO/6/26655 - 2005/2022(INI) - COM(2004)0651

Draftswoman: Diana Wallis (ALDE)

Vote

Speakers: Diana Wallis, Dirk Staudenmayer (Commission representative).

Amendments adopted: 1, 4, 6, 7 (with oral AM), 8, 10.

Amendments rejected: 2, 3, 5, 9.

Amendments withdrawn: none

Final vote: The draft report was adopted unanimously by **27** votes in favour, no votes against and no abstentions.

5. **Other business**

Mr. Newton Dunn raised a question about the draft regulation on "*Sales promotion in the Internal Market*" (2001/0227(COD), actually blocked in Council after the EP's 1st reading), asking the Committee to intervene with the Commission to prevent this legislative proposal from being withdrawn. For a final decision on this, the Chair proposed to refer the question to the next coordinators' meeting.

The meeting was closed at 18.15.

The meeting resumed at 9:00 on **Wednesday, 25 January 2006**, with Arlene McCarthy, Chairman, in the chair.

In the presence of the Council and the European Commission

6. Community action programme in the field of consumer protection (2007-2013)

IMCO/6/29483

Rapporteur: Marianne Thyssen (EPP-ED)

Consideration of amendments

***I 2005/0042B(COD) COM(2005)0115 C6-0225/2005

Speakers: Marianne Thyssen, Cecilia Malmström, Andreas Schwab, Zita Pleštinská, Malcolm Harbour, Edit Herczog, Bernadette Vergnaud, Pierre Jonckheer, Véronique Arnaud (Commission representative).

For the next point on the agenda, the Chair passed to Vice President Mrs. Zuzana Roithová.

7. The implementation, consequences and impact of the internal market legislation in force

IMCO/6/24618

Rapporteur: Arlene McCarthy (PSE)

Consideration of draft report

2004/2224(INI)

Speakers: Arlene McCarthy, Bert Doorn, Heide Rühle, Malcolm Harbour, Zuzana Roithová, Edit Herczog, Barbara Weiler, Anna Hedh.

Deadline for submitting amendments: 3 February 2006, at 17.00.

8. Exchange of views with the Presidency-in-Office, represented by:

- **Mrs. Ursula HAUBNER**, Austrian Minister for Social Affairs and Consumer Protection and President-in-office of the Consumer Council
- **Mr. Martin BARTENSTEIN**, Austrian Minister for Economics and Labour and President-in-office of the Competitiveness Council

Speakers: Malcolm Harbour, Evelyne Gebhardt, Toine Manders, Heide Rühle, Marianne Thyssen, Kurt Lechner, Zuzana Roithová, Hartmut Nassauer, Alexander Lambsdorff, Alexander Stubb, Andreas Schwab, Małgorzata Handzlik, Anja Weisgerber.

9. Date and place of next meeting

30 January 2006 in Brussels

The Chair closed the meeting at 12:35 .

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