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AMENDMENTS

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Draft opinion
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on the draft general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2010
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Amendment 1
António Fernando Correia De Campos

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3. Welcomes the increase in chapters 12 01 and 12 02, which it deems necessary due to the benefits of the single market for the EU economy as a whole, in particular during the economic downturn; calls therefore on the Commission to bring forward proposals on how to remove the remaining barriers to the single market in order to increase such benefits; emphasises the importance of the services sector for the single market and deems therefore the implementation of the Services Directive a key priority; encourages the Commission to strengthen its efforts towards an evidence-based policy based on sound market knowledge, economic analysis and the choice of appropriate instruments; asks the Commission in addition to cooperate closely with the Member States and to develop an administrative culture of simpler regulation and effective problem-solving; points out in this context the importance of workshops, exchange of officials and other training activities to assist officials and judges in correctly transposing, applying and enforcing single market rules;

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Or. pt

Amendment 2
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4. Welcomes the creation of a separate budget line for the SOLVIT network in the 2009 Budget and asks for its further strengthening in the 2010 Budget; calls on Member States to increase the human and financial resources allocated to this network, which constitutes an effective free-of-charge out-of-court dispute settlement mechanism; asks the Commission to strengthen its efforts to finance training and promotion activities of the SOLVIT network in all Member States; encourages the Commission also to accelerate the streamlining of the different services providing information and advice regarding the single market; strongly supports, therefore, the concept of Single Market Assistance Services through the creation of a single-entry webpage;

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Programme to be appropriate to achieve the goals in this policy area, such as reinforcing security and protection of external borders, supporting the fight against illicit trafficking and fraud and improving the efficiency of customs systems; emphasises the fact that the Programme contributes to the achievement of these goals by improving coordination and cooperation between Member States, promoting the exchange of best practices and know-how and monitoring the correct application of Community legislation;

Customs Programme to be *justified and* appropriate to achieve the goals in this policy area, such as reinforcing security and protection of *the now extended* external borders, supporting the fight against illicit trafficking and fraud and improving the efficiency of customs systems; emphasises the fact that the Programme contributes to the achievement of these goals by improving coordination and cooperation between Member States, promoting the exchange of best practices and know-how and monitoring the correct application of Community legislation;

Or. pt

Amendment 4
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Paragraph 6

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6. Points out the role of consumer policy in chapter 17 02 in the development of an internal market with safe products and services, equal rights for all consumers and a level playing field for companies; ***emphasises the importance of close*** cooperation between the Community, Member States and third countries, including the United States and China, on more effective enforcement mechanisms in order to achieve greater consumer confidence, in particular during the economic downturn; urges the Commission to develop a knowledge base, as well as training programmes, in the area of market surveillance which will strengthen the existing cooperation structures between the competent authorities; calls on the Commission to propose further Community action to reinforce the European Consumer Centres; considers

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6. Points out the role of consumer policy in chapter 17 02 in the development of an internal market with safe products and services, equal rights for all consumers and a level playing field for companies; ***notes, however, that it is on the decrease and that this is incompatible with the ambitious programme of*** cooperation between the Community, Member States and third countries, including the United States and China, on more effective enforcement mechanisms in order to achieve greater consumer confidence, in particular during the economic downturn; urges the Commission to develop a knowledge base, as well as training programmes, in the area of market surveillance which will strengthen the existing cooperation structures between the competent authorities; calls on the Commission to propose further

common efforts in the area of consumer education, in particular regarding financial literacy, independently of the age and the level of education of consumers, a priority;

Community action to reinforce the European Consumer Centres; considers common efforts in the area of consumer education, in particular regarding financial literacy ***and communication systems and networks***, independently of the age and the level of education of consumers, a priority;

Or. pt

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7. Recognises the importance of monitoring consumer markets through the consolidation of a scoreboard and related market studies based on the collection of data on consumer behaviour and the functioning of those markets; calls therefore for a further preparatory action entitled 'Monitoring measures in the field of consumer policy' which would allow for the continuation of existing surveys and studies and the financing of further market studies, thus improving the quality of the Consumer Markets Scoreboard.

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7. Recognises ***and stresses*** the importance of monitoring consumer markets through the consolidation of a scoreboard and related market studies based on the collection of data on consumer behaviour and the functioning of those markets; calls therefore for a further preparatory action entitled 'Monitoring measures in the field of consumer policy' which would allow for the continuation of existing surveys and studies and the financing of further market studies, thus improving the quality of the Consumer Markets Scoreboard.

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