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to the Commission

Subject: Enlargement

The Union of Industrial and Employers' Confederations of Europe (UNICE) recently drew attention to the slow working of the administration in certain candidate countries. Some cases of corruption have also arisen among these countries.

This situation considerably hinders the entry and establishment of firms from European Union countries.

What measures is the Directorate-General for Enlargement planning to take to mitigate this situation?

Has a quantitative assessment been made of the economic damage which might result from these 'technical' barriers?