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to the Commission

Subject: Stakeholders' meeting on copyright and privacy by DG MARKT

On 22 February 2010 the Commission/DG MARKT sent out an invitation to the fifth meeting of the Stakeholders' Dialogue on illegal up- and downloading which took place on 3 March 2010 in the DG Internal Market and Services premises in Brussels. According to the invitation, the meeting agenda included, inter alia, a presentation on data protection in the context of IPR enforcement and an examination of the impact of the EU Telecoms Package in such context.

Could the Commission inform us:

1. Why wasn't the EP invited officially to, or at the very least informed about, this public consultation meeting?
2. Does the Commission consider that it complies with the spirit and the letter of the new Treaty rules to conduct this kind of 'public consultation' without inviting or at least informing the EP representatives?
3. Why were representatives from European Data Protection Authorities and/or the EDPS, which recently published an opinion on illegal downloading, not invited to the meeting?
4. DG MARKT organised the meeting in order also to discuss the expected effect of the Telecoms Package. Who was invited to represent INFSO who actually dealt with this matter initially?
5. What future steps will the Commission take with regard to the Stakeholders' Dialogue? How does DG MARKT plan to involve the EP in the next steps in this or similar issues?