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*Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection*

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## **OPINION**

of the Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection

for the Committee on Budgets

on the draft general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2008  
(C6-0000/2007 – 2007/2019(BUD))

Section III – Commission

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## SUGGESTIONS

The Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection calls on the Committee on Budgets, as the committee responsible, to incorporate the following suggestions in its motion for a resolution:

1. Notes that the responsibility of the IMCO Committee in the budget procedure is confined to Titles 12 (Internal market), 14 (Taxation and customs union) and 17 (Health and consumer protection);
2. Considers that, in general, the document submitted by the Commission is of the right kind to attain the appointed objectives and implement the projected programmes;
3. Notes that the PDB estimates provide for increases of 8.28% and 10,94% in Chapters 12 01 and 12 02 respectively, and points out that, given the substantial volume of legislation adopted in 2007 and due to be adopted in 2008, it is essential for effective monitoring to be brought to bear on its transposition and enforcement by Member States; therefore welcomes the launch of a new single market information system, which will make that task easier;
4. Believes, given that SOLVIT has proved to be one of the most effective out-of-court dispute settlement mechanisms, that it would be desirable to boost the measures intended to finance its training and promotion activities, and therefore calls for an additional €200 000;
5. Notes that the projected customs policy measures are to be implemented under the Customs 2013 programme and considers the 19.78% increase in this area to be justified because, among other reasons, a pan-European electronic customs environment is to be set up, a modernised Customs Code is to be put in place, and the workload has been increased by the incorporation of two new Member States, Bulgaria and Romania;
6. Urges that, notwithstanding the 17,9% increase in the appropriations committed for the relevant chapter (17 02), the consumer policy sector be strengthened in order to create the necessary consumer confidence in the single market; given that safeguarding their rights is one of the greatest and most obvious advantages that the EU has to offer where its citizens are concerned, considers that consumer protection regulations have to be properly enforced, especially in the internal market for services, not least by drawing on the cooperation of the various national associations and the work of associations operating on a Europe-wide scale;
7. In the light of its resolution of 21 June 2007 on consumer confidence in the digital environment<sup>1</sup>, calls on the budgetary authority to provide for substantial financial support for the pan-European deployment of consumer information and protection measures covering the various fields of the European digital market.

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<sup>1</sup> Texts Adopted, P6\_TA(2007)0287.

## RESULT OF FINAL VOTE IN COMMITTEE

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| <b>Date adopted</b>   | 12.9.2007   |
| <b>Result of final vote</b>                                       | +: 32<br>-: 0<br>0:   |
| <b>Members present for the final vote</b>                         | Charlotte Cederschiöld, Mia De Vits, Janelly Fourtou, Małgorzata Handzlik, Daniel Hannan, Malcolm Harbour, Anna Hedh, Edit Herczog, Iliana Malinova Iotova, Lasse Lehtinen, Arlene McCarthy, Toine Manders, Nickolay Mladenov, Catherine Neris, Bill Newton Dunn, Zita Pleštinská, Karin Riis-Jørgensen, Zuzana Roithová, Luisa Fernanda Rudi Ubeda, Heide Rühle, Leopold Józef Rutowicz, Christel Schaldemose, Andreas Schwab, Alexander Stubb, Eva-Britt Svensson, Marianne Thyssen, Horia-Victor Toma, Bernadette Vergnaud |
| <b>Substitute(s) present for the final vote</b>                   | André Brie, Wolfgang Bulfon, Ieke van den Burg, Olle Schmidt  |
| <b>Substitute(s) under Rule 178(2) present for the final vote</b> |   |