

ORAL QUESTION WITH DEBATE O-0086/05/rev.1

pursuant to Rule 108 of the Rules of Procedure

by Arlene McCarthy, on behalf of the Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection
to the Council

Subject: SOLVIT

The Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection is convinced that SOLVIT, the on-line problem-solving network hosted by the European Commission, facilitates administrative cooperation between Member States. It is designed to find rapid and pragmatic solutions to problems which arise from the mistaken application of Internal Market legislation by public authorities.

Given the success of the network, which has solved as many as 300 cases in 2004, with a sharp increase expected in 2005, can the Council agree that Member States should devote greater human and financial resources to the SOLVIT network as a mutually beneficial and effective instrument of cooperation between the European Commission and national administrations?

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