

ORAL QUESTION WITH DEBATE O-0087/05/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 Commission

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 European Commission agree:

- a) to increase the human resource allocation substantially above the four officials currently assigned?
- b) to the system's being further developed in order to enhance administrative cooperation?
- c) to publish a report with a view to encouraging greater take-up and use of the SOLVIT system and to submit a proposal which would endow SOLVIT with the necessary status and the necessary financial resources?

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