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Senhor Presidente, caro colega

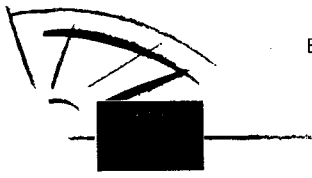
Tenho a honra de convidar representantes da assembleia a que V. Exa. preside a participar numa audição subordinada ao tema "Medidas de luta contra os atrasos de pagamento", que a Comissão do Mercado Interno e da Protecção dos Consumidores do Parlamento Europeu se propõe organizar, em 26 de Janeiro de 2010, em Bruxelas.

Muito agradeceria se dignasse transmitir à comissão ou às comissões competentes do Parlamento a que V. Exa. preside o convite que junto se remete do presidente da Comissão do Mercado Interno e da Protecção dos Consumidores.

Aproveito a oportunidade para reiterar a Vossa Excelência os protestos da mais elevada consideração.

Jerzy Buzek

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Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection
The Chairman

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To the Chair of the committee concerned

Dear Colleague,

There is overwhelming evidence that, despite the entry into force of Directive 2000/35/EC on late payment in commercial transactions is still a general problem within the EU. Given the importance of public procurement in the EU (more than 1943 billion euro per year), late payment by public authorities has a strong negative impact on enterprises. Moreover, diverging payment attitudes across the EU might hamper business participation in public tenders, which distorts competition and undermines the functioning of the internal market.

I also believe that this is issue which we as parliamentarians acting as legislators and public representatives recognise as of direct concern to our respective electorates

Consequently, my Committee proposes to organise a Hearing with National Parliaments on "Combating Late Payment" particularly as covered by the proposal for a Directive on combating late payment in commercial transactions (Recast) (COM(2009) 126 final). The proposed event would be on **Tuesday 26 January 2010** from 15:00 to 18:30 at the European Parliament in Brussels.

I would like to invite a maximum of two representatives from National Parliaments to participate at the event and to make a short presentation of your Committee's views on the proposal. Should you be unable to attend, we would welcome any written contribution which can be distributed to the participants.

Please find attached the draft programme for the Hearing. The practical details regarding the meeting will be forwarded to your Parliament's Representatives/Services directly responsible for relations with the European Parliament.

I look forward to your participation in our discussions.

Yours faithfully

Malcolm HARBOUR



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Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection

DRAFT PROGRAMME

**Hearing of the Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection
with the participation of National Parliaments on**

Combating Late Payment

Tuesday 26 January 2010 from 15.00 to 18.30

European Parliament, Brussels

Room: JAN 4 Q 1

Rapporteur: Mrs Barbara WEILER

15.00 - 15.10 Opening session

- Opening by the Chair
- Opening statement by the Rapporteur, Mrs. Barbara WEILER

Session I: 15.10 - 16.40:

**Impact of the proposal for a Directive on combating late payment in commercial transactions
(recast) on undertakings**

15.10 - 16.10 **Presentations by national parliaments**

Speakers to be confirmed

16.10 - 16.40 **Questions and Answers by Members**

Session II: 16.40 - 18.10

**Impact of the proposal for a Directive on combating late payment in commercial transactions
(recast) on public authorities**

16.40 - 17.40 **Presentations by national parliaments**

Speakers to be confirmed

17.40 - 18.10 **Questions and Answers by Members**

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Comments by a representative of the European Commission: 18.10 - 18.20

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18.20 - 18.30 Summary and closing statement

- Closing remarks by the Rapporteur, Mrs. Barbara WEILER
- Closing remarks by the Chair