

**UNICE VOTING PROPOSALS IN VIEW OF THE 20 APRIL VOTE BY THE EUROPEAN
PARLIAMENT PLENARY ON**

Proposal for a regulation on cooperation on consumer protection

Introduction

In view of your vote on the above-mentioned proposal this week, UNICE would like to express its overall support for the amendments tabled by the Legal Affairs Committee and the efforts to address most concerns voiced by interested stakeholders. UNICE is particularly happy that the majority of issues pointed out by companies have been dealt with.

However, UNICE is concerned about the amendments proposing the creation of a Regulatory Committee. UNICE already expressed its concerns about the Commission's proposal to set up an Advisory Committee and the fact of its empowerment to decide at a later stage so much of the critical detail regarding procedures and implementation particulars of the competences and powers of the competent authorities.

The proposal of a Regulatory Committee is not in any way justified and leaves legitimate stakeholders no role to play in questions which affect them directly. UNICE therefore opposes it. At the most, UNICE would accept the Commission's initial proposal by which the Committee would have a more advisory role.

We hope that you can take into account our proposals below prepared in view of the vote in plenary.

For further clarification on the proposals attached or a copy of the UNICE position paper on the regulation, please visit our website www.unice.org or contact the UNICE staff (Carlos Almaraz, tel. 0032 (0) 2 237 65 57, email: c.almaraz@unice.be).

UNICE CALLS FOR ADOPTION OF THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENTS:

Amendments 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 50, 51, 52, 53, 55, 56, 57, 58,

59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 75, 79, 82, 83, 84, 87, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94

UNICE CALLS FOR REJECTION OF THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENTS:

Amendments 17 (we prefer amd 72), 74 (we prefer amd 21), 76 (we prefer amd 29), 77 (we prefer amds 31, 32, 33, 34 and 35)

On Regulatory Committee: amendments 78, 80, 81, 85, 86 and 88

UNICE IS NEUTRAL CONCERNING THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENTS:

Amendments 2, 7, 67