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MORE COMMON RULES ON CONSUMER CONTRACTS WILL IMPROVE THE SINGLE MARKET

Today's adoption by the European Commission of a proposal for a directive on consumer contractual rights is good news.

The proposal should improve the single market, increase legal certainty and result in genuine harmonisation of national laws. Reduction of divergent national rules on certain consumer contractual aspects should cut down compliance costs for companies and increase choice for consumers.

According to the Commission's October Eurobarometer, the number of traders selling across borders has declined from 29% to 21% since 2006 and although consumer confidence in cross-border shopping in another EU-country has improved, there is still a great potential for further internal market integration.

Ernest-Antoine Seillière, President of BUSINESSEUROPE said: *"We strongly support the directive's targeted full harmonisation approach but it is essential that EU legislators avoid its dilution during the legislative process. In particular, we hope that the principle of mutual recognition will be fully integrated in the future debate on the proposal"*.

NOTE TO THE EDITOR

BUSINESSEUROPE – the Confederation of European Business represents more than 20 million small, medium and large companies. Active in European affairs since 1958, BUSINESSEUROPE Members are 40 central industrial and employers' federations from 34 countries, working together to achieve growth and competitiveness in Europe.

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