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Dear President,

UNICE has closely followed the vote on the draft directive on the Sale of Consumer Goods and Related Guarantees which took place in the European Parliament on 10 March 1998. The latter adopted a number of amendments which go far beyond the initial aim of the proposal, i.e. to explore ways of removing barriers to cross-border shopping.

Some of the provisions introduced by Parliament would have the consequence of substantially affecting the Member States' legal regimes and imposing obligations on sellers which are far too detailed for a harmonising directive.

At a time when all Community institutions acknowledge the need for better and simpler legislation, UNICE would expect the Commission carefully to assess the amended text, which it believes should be fully debated by all Commissioners before it is communicated to the Council.

We are sending a similar letter to all members of the Commission and we would appreciate receiving your views on the above suggestion.

Yours sincerely,

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Secretary General