



Kangaroo Group – 2nd Lunch in Strasbourg in 2011
European Parliament - Restaurant des Députés Louise Weiss

Minutes of the meeting of Wednesday, 16 February at 13:00 hrs
"Single Market for Europeans"

Chaired by: Malcolm Harbour MEP, Chairman of the European Parliament's
Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection

Karl von Wogau, Secretary General of the Kangaroo Group

Speakers: Róza Gräfin von Thun und Hohenstein MEP, Member of the European
Parliament's Committee on Internal Market and Consumer Protection

António Fernando Correia de Campos MEP, Member of the European
Parliament's Committee on Internal Market and Consumer Protection

1 Karl von Wogau

Mr. von Wogau welcomed the speakers and the audience and announced the future events organised by the Kangaroo Group.

2 Malcolm Harbour, MEP

Mr. Harbour presented the main ideas of the Single Market Act which contains a series of measures to boost the European economy. He emphasized that the European Parliament has already made clear the necessity to start the political process of implementing the Single Market regarding its importance for enterprises, the European citizens and governance. He introduced the first speaker António Correia de Campos, MEP and Member of the European Parliament's Committee on Internal Market and Consumer Protection.

3 António Correia de Campos, MEP

Mr. Correia de Campos gave an overview of the different fields of the Single Market Act: development in energy and transport sectors, industrial restructuring, measures of employment, protection of consumer rights and tax situation. The main activity should now be to restore confidence in the Single Market in order to help stimulate economic growth. He introduced the second speaker Róza Gräfin von Thun und Hohenstein, MEP and Member of the European Parliament's Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection.

**4 Róza Gräfin von Thun und Hohenstein, MEP**

Mrs. von Thun und Hohenstein would like to make "citizens falling in love of the Single Market" which in her opinion is an extremely interesting and attractive subject. Political representatives should look for a kind of translation to bring the Single Market and the European citizens together. She stressed the importance of lifting barriers and reducing obstacles in the areas of free movement of goods, bank services, consumer rights, broadband wireless access and access to European educational programs.

The speeches were followed by a discussion about the importance of the Single Market for European as well as American companies, about the existing legal framework related to the access to the Single Market and its development.

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