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OPINION

of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs

for the Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection

on a Single Market for Europeans
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Rapporteur: Wim van de Camp

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SUGGESTIONS

The Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs calls on the Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection, as the committee responsible, to incorporate the following suggestions in its motion for a resolution:

1. Welcomes the Commission Communication 'Towards a Single Market Act', but regrets the unsatisfactory pace of implementation of Single Market legislation; calls on the Member States to accelerate the process and to fully and correctly implement existing legislation, including the Services Directive and the Goods Package;
2. Stresses that it is not just Single Market legislation which is implemented and applied poorly by the Member States, but also other legislation affecting the rights of European citizens and other legal residents; calls upon the Member States to ensure better implementation of the Free Movement Directive (2004/38/EC) in particular;
3. Calls for better involvement of European citizens in the process of creating the Single Market; calls on the national parliaments, regional and local authorities and social partners to take an active part in communicating the benefits of the Single Market;
4. Calls upon the Commission to make sure that citizens are actively involved in consultations, dialogues and expert groups relating to the Single Market, whilst ensuring balanced representation by all stakeholders, including civil society and small and medium-sized enterprises;
5. Urges Member States not to look at the Commission proposal on a horizontal antidiscrimination directive (COM(2008 0426) only in terms of costs, but also in terms of potential benefits when people who previously did not feel safe and secure in certain areas start to access services there;
6. Regards the fact that certain Member States are not recognising the full equality of same-sex partners when they are trying to exercise their free-movement rights as regrettable and as something that their leaders of tomorrow will hopefully be ashamed of;
7. Strongly supports the '25 actions to improve the daily life of EU citizens' contained in the EU Citizenship report 2010 (COM(2010)0603), particularly the ones related to increasing protection of victims, suspects and accused persons;
8. Calls upon the Commission to provide more information to victims, suspects and accused persons via its e-Justice portal and to make sure that at least a link to this information is available on the 'Your Europe' portal to ensure availability of a one-stop shop;
9. Urges the Member States to implement Directive 2006/123/EC on services in the internal market more quickly and to quickly set up the Framework Directive on Services of General Economic Interest;
10. Calls on the Member States to ensure that there is true freedom of movement for citizens, in particular through mutual recognition of professional qualifications and school

diplomas, as well as portability of social benefits across borders;

11. Points out the need to evaluate the state of implementation of all Single Market legislation by Member States in a faster and clearer manner;
12. Welcomes the Directive on patients' rights in cross-border healthcare and calls on Member States to implement it fully;
13. Stresses that demographic challenges require a strategy which would help create jobs that fill the gaps in the EU labour market;
14. Underlines that the free movement of workers and services has been one of the basic principles of the Single Market from the Rome Treaty onwards; considers that removing remaining barriers regarding EU labour mobility would contribute to the full utilisation of all Single Market freedoms and would help reduce undeclared work and unemployment;
15. Calls on the Commission to ask the Member States that are still applying restrictions on their labour markets to review their transitional provisions in order to open the labour markets to all European workers, thus maintaining employment in the EU during the global economic crisis;
16. Considers an influx of highly qualified migrants and seasonal workers to be beneficial to the European economy; calls on the Member States, therefore, to actively fast-track the removal of restrictions in place in their labour markets for all EU citizens; in addition, calls on the Commission to further develop immigration policy in respect of those groups, bearing in mind the need not to empty the countries of origin of their vital human resources, while simultaneously improving the management of external borders and prevention of illegal immigration;
17. Reiterates that Member States should reject applications for highly qualified employment of third-country nationals in those labour market sectors for which access for workers from other Member States is restricted on the basis of transitional provisions; giving preference to EU workers would help avoid inconsistencies in the area of EU Single Market;
18. Considers the fight against corruption and organised crime essential to the proper functioning of the internal market and calls on the Commission and the Member States to continue their work in this field, using all available instruments, including the Mechanism for Cooperation and Verification;
19. Stresses the need to include the aims of the Stockholm Programme, in particular open borders and the free movement of goods, capital, services and people, in drawing up the Single Market Act.

RESULT OF FINAL VOTE IN COMMITTEE

Date adopted	28.2.2011
Result of final vote	+: 29 -: 5 0: 0
Members present for the final vote	Sonia Alfano, Alexander Alvaro, Rita Borsellino, Simon Busuttil, Carlos Coelho, Cornelis de Jong, Kinga Gál, Kinga Göncz, Nathalie Griesbeck, Sylvie Guillaume, Ágnes Hankiss, Salvatore Iacolino, Sophia in 't Veld, Livia Járóka, Teresa Jiménez-Becerril Barrio, Véronique Mathieu, Louis Michel, Claude Moraes, Georgios Papanikolaou, Judith Sargentini, Birgit Sippel, Renate Sommer, Rui Tavares, Wim van de Camp, Daniël van der Stoep, Axel Voss, Renate Weber, Tatjana Ždanoka
Substitute(s) present for the final vote	Leonidas Donskis, Monika Hohlmeier, Franziska Keller, Kyriacos Triantaphyllides, Cecilia Wikström
Substitute(s) under Rule 187(2) present for the final vote	Marina Yannakoudakis