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On February 17, 2016, the Senate Standing Committee on European Union Policies issued a favourable opinion with the following qualifications:

- 1) the notion that a voluntary European model contract combined with an EU trust-mark is considered more effective than fully harmonised, targeted norms;
- 2) the advisability to include a provision setting a deadline for a complaint by the consumer owing to lack of conformity of the goods, with effect from the discovery of the defect;
- 3) the advisability to introduce a maximum period for the repair or replacement of goods. After such period, the consumer would have the full right to price reduction or termination of the contract.

On February 17, 2016, the Senate Standing Committee on Industry, Trade and Tourism adopted a positive opinion in which, in addition to incorporating the comments of the EU Policies Committee, expressed comments about the advisability to:

- 1) foresee regulatory action by the Union for the harmonization of consumer rights also in the field of direct sales;
- 2) reconcile Article 1, setting "distance sales" as the object of the directive, with the title of directive, which mentions online and other distance sales of goods;
- 3) establish a deadline for partial reimbursement in case of price reduction (Article 12);
- 4) with respect to the two-year time limit under Article 14, a reference to Article. 8, which defines cases of "relevant time for establishing conformity" should be made.