Follow-up to the Green Paper on Alternative dispute resolution

Consultation with interested parties

The European Commission launched a debate on the development of alternative dispute resolution procedures in the EU through the publication of a Green Paper in 2002, to which more than 160 replies were received. In 2003 the Commission announced that two follow-up initiatives would be taken:

- The development of a European plan for best practice in mediation, and
- The presentation of a proposal for a directive on mediation, scheduled for September 2004.

As part of its preparations of the second initiative, the Directorate-General for Justice and Home Affairs is inviting all interested parties to submit their comments on the preliminary draft text. The text has been prepared by the Directorate-General for Justice and Home Affairs as a basis for collecting comments only and does not prejudge the final form of the proposal to be decided by the Commission.

Interested parties should send their comments by 23 April 2004 at the latest to:

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Interested parties are requested to choose one single means of communication (electronic mail, fax or ordinary mail) to send their contributions.

In the absence of formal instructions to the contrary, respondents’ comments may be published on the Commission’s website.