

REVIEW OF THE TIMESHARE DIRECTIVE

WORKSHOP MEETING

19 July 2006 9:30 – 17:30

Centre Albert Borschette – room 2A – Rue Froissart 36 – 1040 Brussels

AGENDA

9:30-10:00 **Reception and registration**

10:00-10:20 **Welcome and introductory speech** by Giuseppe Abbamonte, Head of Unit,
Unfair commercial practices and other consumer protection legislation

Session 1: What is timeshare and how can it work to the benefit of consumers and the competitiveness of the European tourism industry?

10:20-10:40 **Timeshare – the nature of the product**
Peter van der Mark, Organisation for Timeshare in Europe (OTE)

10:40-11:10 **Timeshare exchange**
F. Markus Deutsch, RCI Global Vacation Network,
Tom Bell, Interval International

Session 2: The problems- which aspects of the directive need to be revised and update?

11:10-11:30 **Consumer problems reported to European Consumer Centres**
Fredrik Nordquist, ECC Sweden
Mary Luz Peñacoba, ECC Spain

11:30-11:50 **The Parliament's view**
Toine Manders, MEP, European Parliament

11:50-12:05 **Consumer associations view**
Sandy Grey, Timeshare Consumers' Association, UK

12:05-12:20 **Timeshare consumers' problems- the European view**
Nuria Rodríguez Murillo, BEUC - The European Consumers' Association

12:20-13:00 **Main regulatory issues from the perspective of the industry**
Michael Andrew, Marriott Vacation Club International
Peter van der Mark, Organisation for Timeshare in Europe (OTE)
Beverley Hoyle, RCI Europe
Tom Bell, Interval International

Lunch break (13.00-14.30)

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Session 3: *Selected topics for discussion*

(short introductions by the Commission, followed by discussion)

14:30-15:30 **Extension of the scope of the Directive**

15:30-16:15 **Cooling-off period**

16:15-17:00 **Professional and financial requirements**

17:00-17:30 **Other topics and closing remarks**

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