

## ECAR Lunch Debate

### “EU Consumers and SMEs hit by blockage of spare parts dossier”

Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> June 2007

13h00 – 14h30

Hotel Renaissance

For 33 months now, the Commission’s “Design”-Proposal to establish Community-wide a free market for vehicle spare parts is pending in the Legal Affairs Committee (JURI) of the European Parliament and in the Council of Ministers. Although the dossier was thoroughly investigated and debated, no decision has been taken due to a looming blockage of certain Member States, like France and Germany, and the political pressure of the car industry.

ECAR, the European Campaign for the Freedom of the Automotive Parts and Repair Market, takes pleasure in inviting you to a press lunch debate in order to present and discuss the consequences of this damaging blockage on EU consumers, on EU businesses, in particular SMEs and on the Community as a whole.

**13.00 – 13.03**

#### **Welcome**

- Louis Shakinovsky, ECAR Chairman, UEMV Representative (Automotive Glazing Europe)

**13.03 – 13.10**

#### **Introduction**

- Prof. Dr. Manuel M. Medina Ortega M. C. J., MEP (PSE)

**13.10 – 13.25**

#### **Statements**

- Monica Frassoni MEP  
Co-President of the GREENS/EFA Group
- Eric Nooteboom, Head of Industrial Property Unit, European Commission, DG Internal Market and Services

**13.25 – 13.45**

#### **Stakeholder Comments**

- Alberto Olati, Company Owner of ISAM, President of EAPA (European Automotive Panel Association)
- Marcel Di Nallo, Director, Norauto Groupe
- Wil Botman, Director General of FIA (The Eurocouncil of the Fédération Internationale de l’Automobile)
- Nuria Rodriguez, Legal Officer of BEUC (Bureau Européen des Unions de Consommateurs)
- Alfred Franke, ECAR Coordinator in Poland

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#### **Q & A Session**

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