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to the Commission of the European Communities

Subject : Consumer Democracy

In the first consumer survey after the adoption of the Commission's Consumer Information and Protection Programme, less than 4 out of 10 people in several Member States were able to mention the name of any consumer organisation.

1. What concrete plans does the Commission have to remedy this lack of education and information of the consumers in the Community and what efforts has the Commission possibly made to implement these plans?
2. Does the Commission agree that it should be a fundamental prerogative of European consumers to have direct access to the European Parliament,

and will they amend the constitution of the Consumer Consultative Committee accordingly?

3. What structures exist for environmental consumers? Has the Commission plans to extend the functions of the European Environmental Bureau?
4. Would the Commission agree that the new Commission should contain one member whose main responsibility is for consumer affaires?