



HEARING ON FUTURE PRIORITIES FOR THE ACTION PLAN ON COMPANY LAW AND CORPORATE GOVERNANCE



Brussels, 3 May 2006, Charlemagne Building

9h30 – 10h00 Registration and coffee

10h00 – 10h15 Opening speech: *Mr. Alexander Schaub*, Director General, DG Internal Market and Services

10h15 – 10h30 Keynote address: *Mr. Antonio Borges*, Vice Chairman of Goldman Sachs International, Member of the European Corporate Governance Forum, Chairman of the European Corporate Governance Institute (ECGI)



Panel 1. Shareholders' rights and obligations (10h30 – 11h45)

Moderator: *Mr. Peter Montagnon, Director of Investment Affairs, Association of British Insurers; Member of the European Corporate Governance Forum; Member of the Board of the International Corporate Governance Network (ICGN)*

Panel members:

- *Mr. Alastair Ross Goobey, Chairman of Hermes Focus Asset Management Ltd; Senior Advisor Morgan Stanley; Member of the European Corporate Governance Forum; Member of ICGN*
- *Mr. Pierre Bouwyn, Secretary General of the French Institute of Directors (IFA) and President of the European Confederation of Directors' Associations (ecoDA) Policy Committee*
- *Mrs. Colette Neuville, President of French Minority Shareholders Association Association de Défense des Actionnaires Minoritaires (ADAM), Member of the European Corporate Governance Forum*
- *Mrs. Daniela Weber-Rey, Partner at Clifford Chance; Member of the Advisory Group on Company Law and Corporate Governance*



Panel 2. Modernisation and simplification of European Company law (11h45 – 12h30)

Moderator: *Mrs. Joëlle Simon, Director for Legal Affairs, French Business Confederation (MEDEF), Member of the Advisory Group on Company Law and Corporate Governance*

Panel members:

- *Prof. dr. Lutgart Van den Berghe, Executive Director, Belgian Governance Institute*
- *Dr Arkadiusz Radwan, Managing Director, European Centre for Comparative Commercial and Company (C-Law.org), Cracow*
- *Mr. Klaus J. Hopt, Director of the Max-Planck-Institute for Private Law, Professor at Hamburg University*
- *Mr. Stilpon Nestor, Principal, Nestor Advisors Ltd, Member of the Advisory Group on Company Law and Corporate Governance*



Panel 3. Responsibility of directors / internal control (14h30 – 16h00)

Moderator: *Mr. Jean Frijns, Chairman of the Dutch Monitoring Committee Corporate Governance Code, Professor Investments Vrije Universiteit van Amsterdam, Former Chief Investments Officer and member of the board of ABP*

Panel members:

- *Mr. Walter Cerfeda, Confederal Secretary of European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC)*
- *Mr. Strenger, Director DWS Investment GmbH, Member of the German Government Commission on Corporate Governance*
- *Mr. Stefano Micossi, Director General of the Italian Industry Association (Assonime)*
- *Ms. Vanessa Knapp, Partner, Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer; Member of the Company Law Committee of the Law Society of England and Wales. Member of the Advisory Group on Company Law and Corporate Governance*



Panel 4. Corporate mobility and restructuring (16h00-17h30)

Moderator: *Pr. Theodor Baums, Professor at Frankfurt University, Member of the Advisory Group on Company Law and Corporate Governance, Member of ECGI*

Panel members:

- *Mr. Luca Enriques, Professor at the University of Bologna, Consultant at Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton, Member of ECGI*
- *Mr. Enrique Piñel, Advisor to the Spanish Banking Association, Member of the Advisory Group on Company Law and Corporate Governance*
- *Mr. Paul Davies, Professor at the London School of Economics, Member of ECGI*
- *Mr. Eddy Wymeersch, Chairman of the Supervisory Board of the Belgian Banking, Finance and Insurance Commission, Professor at the Law School of the University of Ghent, Member of the European Corporate Governance Forum, Member of ECGI*

17h30 – 17h45 Conclusions: Mr. Pierre Delsaux, Acting Director, DG Internal Market and Services

17h45 – 18h00 Closing remarks: Commissioner McCreevy

