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Malcolm Harbour and Andreas Schwab (EPP-ED):

## **EPP-ED-Group welcome strong support for the new Bulgarian Commissioner**

Malcolm Harbour MEP and Andreas Schwab MEP have strongly welcomed the Internal Market's Committee decision to support Meglena Kuneva's candidature as future Bulgarian Commissioner for Consumer Protection. "The Commissioner designate has left a good and lasting impression in the European Parliament's Internal Market Committee hearing. It is therefore only logical that the Committee has voted unanimously to support her as future Commissioner", Harbour and Schwab said today in Brussels.

"Mrs. Kuneva impressed the Committee with her positive and determined approach to work for European consumers", said EPP-ED-coordinator Malcolm Harbour. "She had a clear vision for her new role and answered many technical questions with a strong grasp for the details involved. We particularly welcome the commitment to address these difficult issues surrounding the Consumer Credit Directive, where Parliament has already expressed its clear views".

The coordinators also welcomed her support for proper impact assessments and her caution about over-regulation. "We have also a joint obligation together with the Commission not to interfere into consumer's and businesses daily operations without a clear necessity. It will therefore be a main task of the EPP-ED-Group to watch very closely the substance of Mrs. Kuneva's future proposals with regard to subsidiarity", Andreas Schwab added.

As a consequence, Harbour and Schwab welcomed the future Commissioner's announcement to cooperate very closely with the European Parliaments and its Internal Market Committee. "Mrs. Kuneva has stated that she wants to consult the Committee regularly in the case of her appointment as Commissioner. On that basis she can count on the EPP-ED-Group's support in this process", the two MEPs concluded.

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