

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT



**COMMITTEE ON INDUSTRY, EXTERNAL TRADE,
RESEARCH AND ENERGY**

PUBLIC HEARING

ON

"GATS : THE FUTURE OF SERVICES"

Tuesday 26 November 2002
from 3 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.

Chaired by : Mr Carlos Westendorp y Cabeza
Chairman of the Committee on Industry,
External Trade, Research and Energy

Altiero Spinelli Building
Room ASP 1 G 3

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PROGRAMME

3.00 - 3.10 **Opening of the public hearing and introduction**
Mr. Carlos WESTENDORP Y CABEZA,
Committee Chairman

3.10 - 3.20 **Introduction: EU objectives**
Mr. Mogens Peter CARL, Director General Trade,
European Commission

3.20 - 3.30 **Negotiating process: timetable, progress so far**
Mr. Abel-Hamid MANDOUH,
Trade in Services Director, WTO

3.30 - 4.00 **Debate**

"Why EU businesses want open markets for services"

4.00 - 4.10 Mr. A. BUXTON,
Barclays

4.10 - 4.20 Mr. Pascal KERNEIS,
European Services Forum

4.20 - 4.50 **Debate**

"GATS & Public Services"

4.50 - 5.00 Mrs. Susan GEORGE,
ATTAC

5.00 - 5.10 Mr. David HARTRIDGE,
WCI Consulting

5.10 - 5.40 **Debate**

"GATS and Developing Countries"

5.40 - 5.50

His Excellency Mr Toufiq ALI,
Ambassador of Bangladesh

5.50 - 6.00

Mrs Clare JOY,
World Development Movement.

6.00 - 6.25

Debate

6.25 - 6.30

Conclusion by Mr. WESTENDORP Y CABEZA,
Committee Chairman