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PROGRAMME

PUBLIC HEARING ON

**"IMPROVING ACCESS TO PUBLIC PROCUREMENT MARKETS:
opportunities and risks of the new EU instrument"**

Wednesday, 20 February 2012, 15h00-17h00

Room ASP - A1-G-3

Opening:

15.00 **Prof. Vital Moreira**

Chair of the Committee on International Trade

1st panel - Risk and benefits of reciprocity for opening up public procurement markets

15.10 **Nicholas C. Niggli**, Chairman of the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA) WTO, Swiss Counsellor, Deputy Head of the WTO Division

WTO-law and public procurement in international trade

15.20 **Dr. Stephen Woolcock**, London School of Economics, International Trade Policy Unit

Assessing the proposed instrument to create negotiation leverage: presentation of the study commissioned by the INTA-Committee

2nd panel - EU experiences: participation in public procurement markets

15.30 **Heiko Heinrichs**, Rhein-Kreis Neuss (German county)
Opportunities and challenges with third countries participation in public tendering, feasibility of the proposed instrument

15.40 **Alain Berger**, ALSTOM, Senior Vice President, European Affairs
Gaining access to third countries' public procurement markets

Discussion:

15.50 Comments by the **European Commission**

16.00 Comments by **Frank Engel**, draftsman of the IMCO-Committee (associated Committee)

Comments by **other draftspersons** (Judit Sargentini (DEVE, JURI), Tamás Deutsch (EMPL))

Question and answer session with Members

16.50 Concluding remarks by **Daniel Caspary**, Rapporteur for the Commission proposal for "*a regulation on the access of third-country and services to the Union's internal market in public procurement and procedures supporting negotiations on access of Union goods and services to the public procurement markets of third countries*"