Impact and efficiency of the internal market

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The Committee adopted a report by Lyndon HARRISON (PES, UK) on the Commission communication regarding the impact and effectiveness of the Single Market ten years after the 1985 Delors White Paper. The Committee supported the Commission's intention of launching an Action Plan to ensure that the large number of uncompleted original aims of the Single Market will be implemented. The plan also strikes at member states that have not transposed EC legislation into national law. In the report, the Committee lists a number of additional points that are crucial to successfully solving problem areas within the Single Market. The creation of a more effective EU Monitoring System, to follow the Member States' implementation of EU law more closely, was a prime example. Other areas where the Committee wants to see more action from the Commission include measures to ensure that SMEs are able to fully benefit from the Single Market, tax policy and freedom of movement for persons as well as eliminating unnecessary red tape.