Simpler legislation for the internal market: review of SLIM, 3rd and 4th phases

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The European Parliament adopted the report by Mr Bert DOORN (EPP/ED, Nl) on the Commission communication on a review of SLIM. Parliament has essentially rejected the Commission's approach of tabling opinions and rather theoretical proposals for the third and fourth phases of SLIM and urges it to replace these, where appropriate, within a time period of 6 months with specific legislative proposals. If the Commission does this, the Parliament is prepared to deal with proposals swiftly and hopes the Council will follow this example. As regards the substance of the Commission's proposals, Parliament believes they cannot guarantee the efficiency and speed of the SLIM process. It therefore calls on the Commission to ensure that good and effective consultation takes place with users at all stages in the SLIM process; ensure, in consultation with the users, maximum input of practical expertise in the SLIM teams to proceed rapidly, correctly and efficiency. Furthermore, the Parliament calls for more structured cooperation in the field of simplification of legislation and improvements in the quality of legislation between the Commission and the Member States. The publishing of an annual survey of best practices in simplification of legislation and improvement of the quality of legislation in the Member States could help achieve this goal. There should also be greater structural cooperation in the field of enforcement by national, regional or local authorities.