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to the second report of Mr HOPPER

drawn up on behalf of the Economic and Monetary Affairs

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OPINION OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT, PUBLIC
HEALTH AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

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Letter from the chairman of the committee to Mr Jacques MOREAU, chairman of
the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs

Luxembourg, 28 March 1984

Dear Mr Moreau,

Subject: Communication from the Commission to the
Council concerning the major problems
relating to the proposed Council Directive
to harmonize the structures of consumer
taxes other than VAT, on beer, wine and
alcohol (COM(79) 261 final)

The Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer
Protection examined the above Communication from the Commission and
the report of your committee (Doc. 1-1121/83) in its meeting of
22 March 1984.¹

The committee noted that the essential objective of the Commission's
proposals is to move towards the removal of fiscal frontiers by harmon-
izing direct and indirect taxes in the Member States and the committee
agrees with the aim.

The existing situation is unfavourable for consumers who are
denied the free choice which would result from the abolition of fiscal
discrimination.

The committee considered that the report drawn up by the Economic
and Monetary Affairs Committee adequately covers these points of interest
so far as the objectives are concerned but has not entered into the
discussion as to how these objectives should be achieved.

Please consider this letter as the opinion of my committee.

Yours sincerely,

Kenneth COLLINS

p.p. A.E. Schmid-Colmjon
First Secretary

¹ Present: Mr Collins, chairman; Mr Ryan, vice-chairman; Mr Berkhouwer,
Mr Ceravolo (deputizing for Mr Spinelli), Mr Fuchs (deputizing
for Mr Alber), Mr Ghergo, Mrs Lentz-Cornette, Mr Nielsen
(deputizing for Mrs Pruvot), Mrs Schleicher, Mrs Seibel-Emmerling
and Dr Sherlock.