



**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
OF THE REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA**

**STATEMENT
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Following the discussion on the Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on alternative dispute resolution for consumer disputes and amending Regulation (EC) No 2006/2004 and Directive 2009/22/EC (Directive on consumer ADR) and taking into consideration the statements of the Legal Affairs Committee and the Economic Policy, Energy and Tourism Committee, the National Assembly of the Republic of Bulgaria, through its Committee on European Affairs and Oversight of the European Funds, expresses the following statement which is to be forwarded to the EU institutions in the framework of the political dialogue:

1. We take the view that the Proposal for a Directive complies with the principle of subsidiarity laid down in Article 5, paragraph 3 of TEU as the objectives of the Proposal can be better achieved at Union level having in mind that it concerns cross-border trade within the single internal market;
2. We take the view that the Proposal for a Directive complies with the principle of proportionality laid down in Article 5, paragraph 4 of TEU as it does not exceed what is necessary to achieve the objectives of the Treaties and should not create excessive administrative or financial burden;
3. We welcome the creation of ADR entities throughout the European Union. We take the view that this would improve the functioning of the single internal market as well as the competitiveness of the Union as a whole;
4. We support the efforts of the European Commission to improve consumer protection, providing consumers with a possibility to stand up for their rights out-of-court in each Member State and ensuring transparency in commercial relations;
5. We take the view that ADR regulation at Union level will ensure impartiality, transparency, effectiveness and fairness in cross-border relations.