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Joint Standardisation Initiative: only strong consumer participation in standardisation will help the Single Market deliver for consumers

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ANEC welcomes the signature of the Joint Standardisation Initiative (JIES) in Amsterdam today as part of the Single Market Forum¹ hosted by the Dutch Presidency of the EU. We believe the strength of the Single Market can be measured by the inclusiveness of the European Standardisation System underpinning it, and so support the actions intended to improve the inclusiveness of the standards process at the European and national levels.

"It is only when standards - a fundamental building-block of the Single Market - are developed in an inclusive way and take into account the needs of all consumers that we can say the Single Market delivers for consumers", said ANEC President, Arnold Pindar, after the signing ceremony this lunchtime.

"It is an honour for me to be one of those signing the Joint Initiative with European Commissioner Bieńkowska, and (Dutch) Minister Kamp, as we see it as the occasion to mark the strengthening of the voice of social & societal stakeholders in standards setting", added Mr Pindar.

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¹ http://ec.europa.eu/growth/tools-databases/newsroom/cf/itemdetail.cfm?item_id=8834&lang=en&title=High-level-stakeholder-conference-in-the-context-of-the-Single-Market-Forum-2015%2F2016

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