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During Mr Barnier's first visit to London as Commissioner for Internal Market and Services, he met with the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Alistair Darling; the Shadow Chancellor, George Osborne; the Governor of the Bank of England, Mervyn King; the Chairman of the Financial Services Authority, Lord Turner; and the Financial Services Secretary, Lord Myners.

Mr Barnier also attended a dinner hosted by the British Bankers' Association in the City of London where he made some informal remarks on restoring confidence in financial markets.

At a meeting with London-based hedge fund and private equity managers, the Commissioner explained that he was there to hear their views on the Commission's proposals on hedge funds and private equity, telling his audience that he was committed to intelligent and efficient rule-making, not regulation for the sake of regulation.

At a lunch hosted by Business for New Europe (an independent coalition of business leaders articulating a positive case for reform in Europe), the Commissioner set out his views on making the single market work.

Speeches:

- **Restoring confidence in financial markets** - dinner hosted by the British Bankers' Association
- **Hedge funds and private equity proposals – raison d'être and state of play** - meeting with London-based hedge fund and private equity managers
- **Making Europe an attractive place to do business** - lunch hosted by Business for New Europe

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