Dear [Name],

I hope my message finds you well. Please find attached the DIGITALEUROPE’s updated suggested FAQ document in two parts. Based on our exchange, we split the document into three parts:

1. Questions where more explanation is needed since there is a divergent opinion on them or new questions. (Part I & II)
2. Questions agreed to be OK. (Part III)
3. Questions deleted due to being outdated or irrelevant. (Part III)

Once again, we are sorry for the delay in submitting the updated FAQ document. Below is a recap of our exchange during the summer.

On 31 January 2023, DIGITALEUROPE suggested to the Commission that it would be useful to create a FAQ or guidance document on Directive 2022/2380, and submitted its proactive proposal for a Common Charger FAQ to the Commission.

On 6 July 2023, DIGITALEUROPE received the Commission feedback on its FAQ proposal. At this meeting, the Commission and DIGITALEUROPE agreed on 16 Q&As from the original FAQ proposal and two new Q&As which DIGITALEUROPE presented to the Commission during the call. These 18 agreed Q&As are included at the end of this document. In addition, it was recognised that two original Q&As related to unbundling and the maximum charging power of additional charging protocols and USB PD, would need further discussion for better alignment and common understanding.

On 6 July, the Commission also confirmed its new requirement for the harmonisation of the maximum charging power across all the different charging solutions (charging protocols, alternative charging connectors) based on the existing requirement of the full functionality of USB PD in Annex 1a of Directive 2022/2380. DIGITALEUROPE strongly disagrees with this new requirement and will explain why in this document.

DIGITALEUROPE thinks that the focus of the common charger regulation should be interoperability through the harmonised charging solution while ensuring the maximum safety of charging and the continued innovation of charging technologies.

We are available for further information.
Kind regards,