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Universal Charger

- The first MoU was an acknowledged success of the Commission in terms of (i) defragmentation of the market,

(ii) increased consumer convenience and (iii) reduction of electronic waste.

- We want to avoid re-fragmentation of the Single Market – in the case of chargers it is about resource efficiency, circular economy and consumers' convenience and avoid lock-in effects to specific manufacturers (i.e. keep competition open). On the other hand, we would like to provide an innovation-friendly framework and not be too restrictive – therefore the voluntary approach is the right way forward.
- Almost all manufacturers are co-operative and we are in a constructive dialogue and we are confident to find a solution soon. Meetings are being held between manufacturers and the Commission for this purpose.