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BRIEFING NOTE - DEFENSIVES

The Universal Charger

1. Why is taking so long to get a common charger for mobile phones and portable devices?

The European Commission has been fostering a continuous dialogue with the relevant Association of Manufacturers in order to find an acceptable solution through a voluntary Memorandum of Understanding (MoU). We believe that a final proposal for a Memorandum of Understanding will be put forward by the representatives of manufacturers within the next couple of months.

2. Why has the EC not imposed a common charger so far (through a Delegated Act under Article 3(3)(a) of the Radio Equipment Directive)?

It is our opinion that this approach facilitates reaching a common technical solution for mobile phone chargers that may be easier to implement afterwards and may help progress in innovation in this area. We prefer to try in the first place a voluntary agreement by the manufacturers.

3. Would the EC foster the adoption of a common charger also for other devices?

We have the intention to assess in depth the feasibility of extending the technical solution proposed for mobile phone chargers to all other portable electronic devices.

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