

ANNEX II

Additional Information

It appears appropriate to report that in two different phone calls, Digital Europe's facilitator for the MoU mentioned that all manufacturers are ready to sign an agreement in line with different approaches but always keeping the USB type C solution, except Apple.

According to the oral information provided by one stakeholder and confirmed by Digital Europe's facilitator, *Apple has allegedly undergone some private arrangements with the USB Forum* (a 5-member forum governing the USB Type-C specifications), disregarding their call to a joint participation. These arrangements will allow the insertion in the cable/charger of a chip (or other features) *to prevent fast charging when the mobile and the charger are not made by the same manufacturer*. If confirmed, it is clear that it will put at risk, the outcome of the MoU and of the good will of the other manufacturers.

Therefore any approach will need to foresee *a clause guaranteeing the highest degree of interoperability* between the charger (and/or in general accessories) and the mobile phones, also as a matter of the creation of opportunities for SME and fair competition.