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to the Commission

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Subject: The circular economy: planned obsolescence, green public procurement and reuse of products

The circular economy is key in bringing about a shift in society, the economy and industry towards a greener and more climate-neutral economy. The current circular economy package is the beginning of a move from a linear to a circular economy. However, it fails to address – or addresses only superficially – key issues that should be comprehensively dealt with in the new circular economy action plan that the Commission is drafting.

1. What specific action does the Commission intend to take to eliminate planned obsolescence in electrical and electronic appliances, and to remedy the unavailability of spare parts which forces consumers to replace used products with new ones, defeating the object of the circular economy?

2. What does the Commission intend to do to foster and promote green public procurement policies and investment in the transition technologies necessary to implement the new green economic and social model that we all want?

3. Does the Commission plan to take any action to encourage reuse of products, particularly in industry?