Question for written answer E-001185/2023 to the Commission Rule 138 Harald Vilimsky (ID), Georg Mayer (ID)

Subject: Right to repair

The European Commission wants to put forward draft legislation on the 'right to repair' this month which would become law EU-wide. Among other things, repairs and spare parts are to be offered to consumers even after the two-year warranty period has expired. Furthermore, repairs are set to become cheaper.

- 1. To what extent is this initiative on the part of the Commission compatible with a free market economy in Europe?
- 2. What exactly does the Commission mean when it says that 'repairs are set to become cheaper' and, in light of this, will a maximum price for repairs be set?
- 3. Will the new legislation apply only to European companies or will European branches of large American or Chinese companies such as Apple also fall within its remit?

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