Joint Industry Statement
EU Draft Regulation on Responsible Sourcing of Minerals

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Our associations welcome the vote by the European Parliament International Trade Committee (INTA) on the proposed Union system of responsible sourcing of minerals.

The envisaged Union system will complement existing regulation and build on industry initiatives that have already been put in place in pursuit of conflict-free, thus helping to break the link between sourcing of minerals and financing of armed conflicts.

We call on Members of the European Parliament to adopt the report, as voted on by INTA on 14 April, without additional modification during the forthcoming 18-21 May Plenary Session.
ABOUT ACEA  The European Automobile Manufacturers’ Association represents the 15 Europe based car, van, truck and bus makers. ACEA works with a variety of institutional, nongovernmental, research and civil society partners and has permanent cooperation with the European Council for Automotive R&D (EUCAR). ACEA has close relations with the 29 national automobile manufacturers’ associations in Europe, and maintains a dialogue on international issues with automobile associations around the world.

ABOUT AMCHAM EU  The American Chamber of Commerce to the European Union (AmCham EU) speaks for American companies committed to Europe on trade, investment and competitiveness issues. It aims to ensure a growth-orientated business and investment climate in Europe. AmCham EU facilitates the resolution of transatlantic issues that impact business and plays a role in creating better understanding of EU and US positions on business matters. Aggregate US investment in Europe totalled €2 trillion in 2013 and directly supports more than 4.3 million jobs in Europe.

ABOUT DIGITALEUROPE  DIGITALEUROPE represents the digital technology industry in Europe. Our members include some of the world's largest IT, telecoms and consumer electronics companies and national associations from every part of Europe. DIGITALEUROPE wants European businesses and citizens to benefit fully from digital technologies and for Europe to grow, attract and sustain the world’s best digital technology companies. DIGITALEUROPE ensures industry participation in the development and implementation of EU policies. DIGITALEUROPE’s members include 58 corporate members and 37 national trade associations from across Europe. Our website provides further information on our recent news and activities: http://www.digitaleurope.org

ABOUT IPC  (www.IPC.org) is a global industry association based in Bannockburn, Ill., dedicated to the competitive excellence and financial success of its 3,600 member companies which represent all facets of the electronics industry, including design, printed board manufacturing, electronics assembly and test. As a member-driven organization and leading source for industry standards, training, market research and public policy advocacy, IPC supports programs to meet the needs of an estimated $2 trillion global electronics industry. IPC maintains additional offices in Taos, N.M.; Washington, D.C.; Stockholm, Sweden; Moscow, Russia; Bangalore and New Delhi, India; Bangkok, Thailand; and Qingdao, Shanghai, Shenzhen, Chengdu, Suzhou and Beijing, China.

ABOUT KEA  The Korea Electronics Association (KEA) was established in 1976 and the Korean government (Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy) designated it as an electronics industry promotion organization in the same year. KEA constructed the Digital Innovation Center in Sangam-dong, Seoul in September 2007. In the next year, KEA celebrated the milestone of the exports of Korean electronic products reaching the USD 100 billion mark and held the Electronics Day in every October since that year. Now KEA is one of largest industry associations in Korea with 800 member companies in the IT & electronics industry. KEA helps to advance IT & electronic companies’ needs and interests. In addition, KEA also proposes policies, deregulation and publicity work under the government planning. KEA’s website provides further information on its activities, recent industry and news: http://www.gokea.org
ABOUT SEMI  SEMI (Semiconductor Equipment and Materials International) is the global industry association serving the manufacturing supply chain for the micro- and nano-electronics and related industries (e.g. Photovoltaic (solar), LED, Flat Panel Displays etc.). SEMI represents 1900 companies globally, with 290 member companies headquartered in Europe, and over 80% of our members are SMEs. The industries, companies and people SEMI speaks for are the architects of the electronics revolution, providing the innovations and technologies that enable smarter, faster, more powerful and more affordable electronic products and devices that bring the power of the digital age to more people every day. www.semi.org/eu

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ABOUT UNIFE  UNIFE represents the European Rail Industry in Brussels since 1992. The Association gathers around 80 of Europe’s leading large and medium-sized rail supply companies active in the design, manufacture, maintenance and refurbishment of rail transport systems, subsystems and related equipment. UNIFE also brings together 15 national rail industry associations of European countries. UNIFE members have an 84% market share in Europe and supply nearly 50% of the worldwide production of rail equipment and services. UNIFE represents its members’ interests at the level of both European and international institutions. On the technical side, UNIFE works on the setting of interoperability standards and coordinates EU-funded research projects that aim at the technical harmonisation of railway systems. The association is one of the supporting bodies of the European Railway Agency.