R6 A3: Deep-sea mining

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Motion text

From line 64 to 66:

- alleviate the pressure on our environment, and to reduce the need for underwater mining, ~~products with~~ artificial lifetime limitations ~~have to~~, including negligent or avoidable obsolescence, must be ~~entirely~~ banned across Europe. To stimulate the production and purchase of sustainable products, the lifespan of consumer technologies has to be included on its packaging.[Newline]
- The right to repair must be enshrined in European law. All consumer technologies should be able to be repaired by consumers themselves when needed. This includes creating legislation that sets minimum design requirements to ensure easy disassembly and replacement of key components. Similarly, producing products that are difficult or impossible to be repaired is a burden for consumers and the environment as it leads to unnecessary excess demand.

Reason

The amendment:

1. Includes the ban of negligent or avoidable obsolescence.
2. Adds the requirement of including lifespans of products on the product.
3. Adds the demand to enshrine right to repair in European law.

Why:

1. Banning artificial lifetime limitations seems to imply the banning of obsolescence with intent. Negligent or avoidable obsolescence should also be outlawed.
2. To stimulate the production and purchase of sustainable products. Plus, the overwhelming majority of EU consumers support such an initiative.
3. Making products last as long as possible is an important step to reduce waste. As a part of that idea, we also believe that products should be designed to be repaired if they break down, instead of disposed of. Therefore, we would like to add the right to repair to this amendment, since products won't only have to last longer, but also can be repaired if they happen to

break down earlier. In very much the same spirit, this alleviates the pressure on the environment.