

# Proposal for Spring Congress

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The Spring Congress may decide:

## 1 **Secure innovation, how to secure smart devices**

### 2 **Noting that:**

- 3 . Innovation is occurring at a fast and ever-increasing pace
- 4 . Many devices have become smart and part of the so-called 'internet of things', including  
5 televisions, watches, toothbrushes, and cars
- 6 . These devices have access to the internet in some way, and cybercriminals can thus gain  
7 access to these devices
- 8 . No firewalls or other security measures are generally installed on these devices to keep  
9 hackers out
- 10 . Vendors oftentimes do not update these devices after they have been sold, only offer  
11 updates for a very limited time, or only at additional cost or effort to the consumer

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### 13 **Considering that:**

- 14 . These devices are therefore vulnerable to cyberattacks
- 15 . Consumers generally seem to be unaware of this fact
- 16 . These devices often hold private information which can be stolen this way, and hacked can  
17 be used as gateways into other networks, or can be used in botnets
- 18 . Hacking into devices such as cars can cause grave accidents to happen
- 19 . Digital security should be just as much of a consideration in product safety as the various  
20 other aspects covered under European regulation

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### 22 **LYMEC calls**

- 23 for the European Union to implement European product regulations to require vendors to update  
24 internet-connected devices for their expected economic lifetime and to take appropriate steps  
25 such as the installation of firewalls and the use of randomised default passwords to increase  
26 cybersecurity.

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