



## Launch of the Right to Repair Campaign 16<sup>th</sup> October 2007, Paris

### Welcome Address of Knud Sørensen

#### President of the International Federation of Automotive Aftermarket Distributors (FIGIEFA)

Ladies and gentlemen,

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you all to the official launch of the Right to Repair Campaign. Gathering a wide range of aftermarket operators and motorists' representatives, this Europe wide campaign aims at safeguarding consumer choice and effective competition in the automotive aftermarket. It is an honor for me to introduce to you our panel speakers who will present the various aspects of the Right to Repair Campaign and its desired outcomes.

**Michel Vilatte** is the President of the FEDA, the French organization representing the independent wholesalers automotive replacement parts. He it is at the same time representing at today's panel our European federation FIGIEFA of which he is a Board Member.

**Bert Mons** is the Secretary General of EGEA, the European Garage Equipment Association representing the interests of manufacturers and importers of diagnostic tools and of garage equipment.

**Jan Koolen** is the Secretary General of AIRC, the Association Internationale des Réparateurs en Carrosserie, the representation of workshops specialized in body repair.

**Caroline Ofoegbu** is Deputy Director General of the FIA's European Bureau. The European Bureau is the voice of affiliated motoring organizations which every year, through their network of automobile clubs' road patrols answer 10 million call outs from motorists in distress.

**Mr Jacopo Moccia** is the Director of CECRA, the European Council for Motor Trades and Repairs, which represent the interests of automotive dealers, authorised and independent repairers.

**Mrs Sylvia Gotzen**, is the spokesperson for the Right to Repair Campaign Secretariat and Secretary General of FIGIEFA, the International Federation of Automotive Aftermarket Distributors.

Before leaving the floor to our distinguished guests, I would like to thank you all for having shown, by your attendance today, interest in the future of the automotive aftermarket, its independent operators and most importantly of consumers' freedom of choice.