



Mr. Mogens Lykketoft
President of Parliament of Denmark
Denmark

Warsaw, 23 October, 2012

Dear Mr. President,

It is a great pleasure to inform you that the 14th European Interparliamentary Space Conference (EISC) took place on 22-23 October 2012 and that a resolution and a declaration were adopted by the Members of National Parliaments from Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, Luxembourg, Poland, Romania, Spain, United Kingdom and Estonia. These are attached with the present letter.

The Resolution covers a number of important topics and we would like to draw your special attention to the following paragraphs, where the 14th EISC declaration strongly encourages:

a successful and appropriately funded European space policy

- CONSIDERS therefore the development of a European space policy and its implementation as a joint responsibility of the EU, ESA and Member States, which has to take into account the contribution of this policy towards sustainable development by the integration of space and ground-based segments in R&D, industrial areas and space-enabled applications;
- URGES the definition of clear roles, with no duplication of responsibilities; for the implementing bodies – the EU, ESA and other related agencies (including GSA, EEA, EUMETSAT, FRONTEX, EUSC, EMSA, EDA);

a sustainable European Space Policy

- INVITES the EU, ESA and the Member States to safeguard the future of space activities by protecting the environment, both on Earth and in Space and encourages all parts involved to continue working towards a fully operational European SSA program, building on the work performed so far;
- CALLS for increase of public information available through internet and media to raise awareness of space research and applications, in particular among young people;

the sustainable deployment and exploitation of the European flagship programmes

- ENCOURAGES ESA, the EU and Member States to continue dialogue to define stable and sound governance and industrial policy for future common space projects; which

should clearly define responsibilities, avoid duplications and preserve a balanced and competitive space sector throughout Europe;

- ENDORSES the Resolution of the European Parliament on the financing of GMES by allocating within the next EU Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) the means to secure GMES deployment and operations in the timeframe 2014 -2020;
- CALLS UPON the European Commission, in close consultation with all relevant stakeholders, to study and apply in the context of the GMES security services a sound governance structure taking into account their specificities;

a competitive European space industry

- RECOGNISES the importance of a competitive space industry, taking into account the crucial role of exports to the health of the European space sector, and therefore welcomes the ambitious proposals of ESA at the Ministerial Council and urges the EU to encourage the development of space based telecommunications throughout Europe;

We would be very grateful if you could forward those documents to the relevant committees/bodies in your parliament as well as to the related ministries in your country.

Yours Sincerely,



Bogusław Wontor

Chairman of EISC 2012

Attachments:

1. 14th EISC 2012 Resolution
2. 14th ESIC 2012 Declaration