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NOTE

From : Presidency
to : Council
Subject : Global Navigation Satellite System (GALILEO): state of play and future options
         - Council Resolution

Delegations will find attached the Presidency draft Council Resolution as discussed in Coreper on 1 June 2007 with a view to its adoption by the TTE Council on 6-8 June 2007.
Draft Council Resolution on the
European Galileo and EGNOS satellite navigation programmes

The Council

1. TAKES NOTE of the communication by the Commission on the negotiations on the Galileo concession and on the alternative scenarios for implementing Galileo;

2. CONCLUDES that the current concession negotiations have failed and should be ended;

3. INVITES the Commission to continue with the implementation of a certifiable EGNOS in line with relevant requirements, with the initial service availability by 2008;

4. REAFFIRMS the value of Galileo as a key project of the European Union;

5. SUPPORTS, without prejudice to a final decision, the deployment of the Galileo system by the end of 2012;

6. RECOGNISES that the implementation of a deployment of Galileo and EGNOS by the public sector would need additional public funding;
7. REQUESTS, therefore, the Commission to submit to Council until September 2007

- detailed alternative proposals for the financing, including all possible options of public funding, based on additional thorough assessments of costs, risks, revenues and timetables;
- proposals for an implementation and procurement strategy by the public sector which will have to reflect progress made so far (relevant investments and agreements) as well as the need for competition and regular competitive tendering;
- concepts for the subsequent operation and exploitation phase of Galileo, involving the private sector where appropriate;
- proposals for a sound public sector management structure of the programme on the basis of a clear division of responsibilities between Commission, ESA, GSA, Member States and Council;

8. INTENDS to take an integrated decision on the implementation of Galileo including the public financing and the modalities of the public procurement in early autumn 2007.