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MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

**Subject: GMES - Global Monitoring for Environment and Security-
A Consultation Meeting, 02nd – 03rd May 2001, Baveno, Italy**

The Space Applications Institute (SAI) is pleased to inform you about this event and to warmly extend an invitation to participate.

A Consultation Meeting on the Global Monitoring for Environment and Security (GMES) initiative will be held on 2nd – 3rd May 2001 in Baveno, Italy. The GMES initiative is approaching an important phase of its development. This is driven by the European Council Resolution of the 2350th Council Meeting of the 16th November 2000 which "...calls on the Commission, together with the ESA and the Member States, to complete the outline for this (GMES) initiative, starting from the needs of users and civil society, so that specific implementing proposals can be drawn up by the end of June 2001."

This Consultation Meeting will be an important input for the Commission's proposals to be submitted to Council by June 2001.

In the opening session, the draft proposals for the implementation of GMES will be presented. In the next session, invited speakers will provide their view on GMES from the perspectives of Science, Industry, Civil Society and Space Programmes. In the final session, a round table discussion will synthesise these views to determine a common forward view for the GMES initiative. The outcome of the meeting will be modifications to the proposals based on the consultation.

The meeting will take place at the Hotel Dino in Baveno at the Lake Maggiore. There is no registration fee and the seminar is open to all. However, as places are limited, we kindly ask those interested to register before 15th March 2001.

The Baveno Consultation meeting will build upon the impetus created by the GMES meetings in Lille (October 2000 under the French Presidency) and Stockholm (March 2001). The GMES Proposals are being developed by the GMES Partnership, which includes the European Commission, the European Space Agency, EUMETSAT and representatives of the Member States. We are looking forward to welcoming you at the GMES Consultation Meeting.

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Enclosures: Preliminary Programme, Registration Form