Subject: Mandate of Space Policy Expert Sub-group on space technologies

Dear Madam/Sir,

DG GROW has decided to set up a Space Policy Expert (SPEG) Sub-group on space technologies in accordance with the respective rules and procedures of Commission Decision C(2016)3301 establishing horizontal rules on the creation and operation of Commission expert groups.

The SPEG sub-group will formalise and provide coherence among existing activities such as the work of the Joint Task Force on critical space technologies. The Commission services intend to consult this sub-group for the purpose of obtaining technical expertise and advice for policy-making needs.

A non-exhaustive list of the tasks of this sub-group includes the following: support to technology roadmapping; critical space technologies; in-orbit validation and demonstration; partnership with industry; market/supply chain; standardisation; key enabling technologies; green and clean space.

For your reference enclosed you can find the draft mandate (terms of reference) of the Space Policy Expert Sub-group on space technologies.

Please note that in accordance with the above mandate SPEG observers are invited as observers in this sub-group (including Norway, Switzerland and the European Space Agency). Moreover, the SPEG sub-group shall report to SPEG through the Commission.

Yours sincerely,

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