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Dear Mr Willsch,

Thank you for your letter of 18 October, concerning the resolution adopted at the XIIIth European interparliamentary space conference, and wherein you and your colleagues from the participating parliamentary space groups, draw my attention, in particular to the issue of the funding of the global monitoring for environmental security (GMES) programme.

As the Commission communication on a budget for Europe 2020 indicates, the Commission's proposal to foresee the funding of large scale projects such as GMES outside of the multiannual financial framework after 2013 is intended to ensure that the EU can continue to fully meet its international commitments, while taking account of the pressures that this type of project can place on the EU budget, which is small in comparison with national budgets.

The Commission is now working on the detailed proposals for the financial instruments and programmes described in the communication. These proposals will be adopted in the coming weeks. The GMES proposal will be part of this package and I can assure you that the specific concerns that you raise will be taken fully into account in its development.

I would like to thank you again for your interest and valuable views.

Yours sincerely,

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