



Resolution 546 (1973)¹

European space co-operation

Parliamentary Assembly

The Assembly,

1. Recalling its [Recommendation 698 \(1973\)](#), on European space policy, in favour of a European satellite and launcher programme ;
2. Noting the decision of the Council of ELDO of 27 April 1973 to abandon the construction of the Europa II launcher ;
3. Convinced that it is important not to lose the experience gained in the preparation of the projects Europa II and III, and noting with satisfaction the French heavy launcher proposal, the L3-S ;
4. Hoping that other European governments will agree to meet the remaining 20 % of the cost, and that an agreement can also be reached for European participation in and financial contribution to the post-Apollo programme ;
5. Taking note with satisfaction of the Belgian-French proposal to hold a new session of the European Space Conference at ministerial level in July 1973 ;
6. Having regard to the pressing and overriding need to determine Europe's future role in space research and technology ;
7. Convinced that a European space programme will contribute to Europe's technological, economic and political status and enhance its cultural influence in the world,
8. Urges all member States of the European Space Conference not only to participate in the proposed conference but also to make a serious political, technological and financial effort to agree without further delay on a European satellite and launcher programme, and participation in the post-Apollo programme.

1. Assembly debate on 18 May 1973 (8th Sitting) (see [Doc. 3286](#), report of the Committee on Science and Technology). Text adopted by the Assembly on 18 May 1973 (8th Sitting).

