Resolution 358 (1968)[1]

Outcome of the 2nd European Space Conference

Parliamentary Assembly

The Assembly,

1. Thanking the President of the 2nd European Space Conference for having presented a report on the outcome of the Conference, in accordance with the request expressed in Resolution 347 (1967) ;

2. Convinced of the beneficial impact on Europe's potential in science and technology of a fruitful dialogue between the European Space Conference and the Assembly of the Council of Europe on a European space policy ;

3. Expressing satisfaction with the increased awareness of European Ministers responsible for space policy of the necessity for laying down and executing a coordinated European space policy and stressing in particular the urgency of constructing a European communications satellite ; regrets that the question of the amalgamation of European space organisations has been deferred ;

4. Noting with satisfaction the proposal to set up a Directing Committee representing Governments to supervise the construction of a European experimental telecommunications satellite ; regrets that no Authority to supervise all European space activities has so far been established,

5. Resolves to invite the 3rd European Space Conference :

to lay down and execute a medium and long-term co-ordinated European space programme, including the completion of the Large Astronomical Satellite (LAS) and the construction and launching of an experimental communications satellite ;

to see to it that agreement is reached on a common European posture with regard to the Intelsat renegotiations in 1969 ;

to take the necessary steps to set in motion the construction of European communications satellites which could also be used for meteorological and educational purposes ;

to give further consideration to the question of amalgamation of the present European space bodies.

1. Assembly Debate on 29th January 1968 (14th Sitting) (see Doc. 2304, report of the Committee on Science and Technology). Text adopted by the Assembly on 29th January 1968 (14th Sitting).