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ESOA is the association of ALL European satellite operators - they fly **over 150 satellites**, employ more than **6000 people**, have a **combined turnover of over 6 billion euros**. Communications satellites sustain Europe's space industry (account for **9 out of 10 European launches/ 60% of space industry turnover & space industry employs 30,000 people**). Satops also make private investment & believe that all this should be recognized & advantaged by policymakers.

BENEFITS & USES OF SATCOMS FOR CRISIS PREVENTION & MANAGEMENT:

- Satcoms services exist today & already help in crisis prevention & management:
 - It's a proven capability & ESOA members are leaders in the field; have participated in prevention/ management of numerous disasters around the world (e.g. Chinese earthquake/ Hurricane Katrina).
 - They deliver "plug & play" solutions that work when terrestrial infrastructure is destroyed, down or overloaded.
 - Easily integrated with other satellite services using coms, navigation & EO data) and are mobile so can be transported easily around the world for immediate use.
- Satellite communications are secure: vital to enable coms between moving teams in operation and HQ. National governments are well aware of the benefits of satcoms and many ESOA members are contracted to provide emergency government services.
- Modern satcoms are interoperable, so different agencies (Aid, NGO, Military, Civil Government) can easily share critical information, images and data in real time. E.g. the EU antipiracy mission Project Atalanta – where satcoms systems are configured to support real-time patrols by both surveillance aircraft and naval vessels.

WE REQUEST THAT:

- Available & existing services that do not impose new financial burdens be included in all future regulation & legal instruments.
- The Commission & the External Action Service (EEAS) involve satellite operators in discussions on the equipment & services needs of the future European Crisis Management Centre.
- Satellite spectrum should be given adequate protection to ensure continuity of these unique services.

A EUROPEAN DREAM:

- We always see Hilary Clinton carrying US satellite terminals in her kit bag! Allow the EU missions to show their lead when equipped with European satellite terminals & be proud of it!