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**Joint Declaration of the European Commission and the Council for the Council minutes for  
the adoption of the of the Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the  
European Earth monitoring programme (GMES) and its initial operations (2011–2013)**

The Commission will prepare the exploitation phase of GMES and will propose, in due time, arrangements for the GMES programmatic, financial and governance framework both for GMES as a whole and for its individual components referred to in Article 2 of the Regulation on the European Earth monitoring programme (GMES) and its initial operations (2011 – 2013) (the "Regulation"), in the context of the definition of the next EU Multi-annual Financial Framework.

In that context, the Council and the Commission recognise that the governance of the GMES programme should be considered as a whole and encompass all necessary structures and procedures including: the relationships between and responsibilities of each of the supporting bodies and fora; the mechanisms through which service requirements will be collected, defined and prioritised; the procedures for monitoring and implementing services and infrastructure; the data and information policy; the security policy; the ownership policy and the planning, selection and procurement procedures for Earth observation and in-situ data.

The Commission recalls its relevant proposals outlined in its 2008 and 2009 GMES Communications entitled "Global Monitoring for Environment and Security (GMES): We care for a safer planet"<sup>1</sup> and "Global Monitoring for Environment and Security (GMES): Challenges and Next Steps for the Space Component"<sup>2</sup>.

The Council takes note that the Commission will consider how to complete the overall governance structure, through the presentation of a new legislative proposal on the GMES programme beyond its initial operations, during 2011.

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<sup>1</sup> COM(2008)748, 12.11.2008

<sup>2</sup> COM(2009)589, 28.10.2009