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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure
on the reshaping of the European space industry

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on the reshaping of the European space industry

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas the space industry directly accounts for 12 000 jobs in France, or around 30% of all such jobs in Europe;
- B. whereas the groups Airbus and Safran have created Airbus Safran Launchers (ASL), which is a private consortium in the field of space launchers that is stealing a lead over public agencies;
- C. whereas this merger was justified on the basis of cutting costs (by a target 40%) and competitiveness (which could in the long term lead to the loss of 8 000 jobs);
- D. whereas the ASL Group is nevertheless receiving public aid, while not having to accept liability for any losses;
- E. whereas this is a strategically very important sector steeped in sovereignty and security issues, and must not be made over completely to a private monopoly;
- 1. Urges the Member States to boost the resources of the European Space Agency in order to ensure the strategic independence of European countries in this sector.