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to the Commission
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Subject: Communications satellites and 5G in Europe

The Space Strategy for Europe has highlighted the usefulness of communications satellites in deploying the future 5G network in Europe. Although much remains to be done in terms of network coverage in some areas of France and the rest of Europe, this deployment will help develop a European digital economy and society, particularly in the transport, media and even security sectors.

Satellite communication complements terrestrial networks, especially as it allows constant high-speed broadband connectivity.

- 1) Does the Commission, which is pushing for the deployment of 5G in Europe, consider this tool as a strategic sector of the European Union, especially in terms of investment?
- 2) What measures does the Commission intend to propose to integrate communications satellites in this 5G-related ecosystem?