The European Parliament,

– having regard to the Commission proposal to Parliament and the Council (COM(2013)0040),
– having regard to Article 294(2) and Article 172 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, pursuant to which the Commission submitted the proposal to Parliament (C7-0031/2013),
– having regard to Article 294(3) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,
– having regard to the opinion of the European Economic and Social Committee of 17 April 2013¹,
– after consulting the Committee of the Regions,
– having regard to the undertaking given by the Council representative by letter of 13 December 2013 to approve Parliament’s position, in accordance with Article 294(4) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,
– having regard to Rule 55 of its Rules of Procedure,
– having regard to the report of the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy and the opinions of the Committee on Budgets and the Committee on Budgetary Control (A7-0364/2013),

1. Adopts its position at first reading hereinafter set out;

2. Emphasises that any decision of the legislative authority in favour of multiannual funding for the European GNSS Agency ("the Agency") shall be without prejudice to the decisions of the budgetary authority in the context of the annual budgetary procedure;

3. Requests that the Commission present a financial statement which fully takes into account the result of the legislative agreement between the European Parliament and the Council to meet the budgetary and staff requirements of the Agency and possibly of the Commission services;

¹ OJ C 198, 10.7.2013, p. 67.
4. Requests that the Commission find a feasible solution to the problems the Agency might be facing with regard to the funding for Type II European Schools, as this has a direct effect on the Agency's ability to attract qualified personnel;

5. Requests that, when determining the correction coefficient for staff remuneration for the Agency, the Commission not consider the Czech average but adjust to the cost of living in the metropolitan area of Prague;

6. Calls on the Commission to refer the matter to Parliament again if it intends to amend its proposal substantially or replace it with another text;

7. Instructs its President to forward its position to the Council, the Commission and the national parliaments.

(As an agreement was reached between Parliament and Council, Parliament's position corresponds to the final legislative act, Regulation (EU) No 512/2014.)