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Subject: Request for a language waiver for the “Commission Implementing Decision on setting out the rules, including the measures, technical requirements and guidelines, for the use of the Galileo Public Regulated Service (PRS) by Member States at Initial Operational Capability pursuant to Article 8(3) of Decision No 1104/2011/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council” (PRS CONOPS)

Dear Ambassador, dear Competent PRS Authority (CPA),

Within the activities of the Space Programme, the Commission and the CPA of Member States have drafted the Decision in subject that represents the Concept of Operations of Galileo’s Public Regulated Service (PRS) ⁽¹⁾, and that is of paramount importance since it describes the modalities for the access by the different Member States to the common pool of PRS resources, which has considerable security and operational implications.

Following the successful conclusion of the Inter Service Consultation and of the positive vote in the Space Programme Committee in Security Configuration, the draft Decision in subject is ready to be translated in the languages of the Member States that have established a CPA and, subsequently, to be submitted to the Cabinet for adoption.

Unfortunately, the Commission services have clarified the impossibility of translating the draft Decision, which includes some n.36 pages classified RESTREINT UE/EU RESTRICTED and n.57 pages classified CONFIDENTIEL UE/EU CONFIDENTIAL, in

⁽¹⁾ Of the various services offered by the European satellite navigation systems, the is both the most secure and the most sensitive and is suitable for services where robustness and complete reliability must be ensured. It must ensure service continuity for its participants, even in the most crisis situations.

the foreseeable future ⁽²⁾. The Council services, which the Commission has consulted on an extraordinary basis, have also stated the impossibility to meet this need. The Commission understands that ensuring the availability of the Decision to the Member States in the shortest possible timeframe is paramount in view of the ongoing PRS uptake efforts by the Member States, and of the upcoming PRS Initial Operational Capability (IOC) milestone.

In this context, since the Decision will entry into force by notification to the Member States and that all translations would have to be available before the submission of the text to the Cabinet for adoption, the Commission is hereby asking the **Estonian government to agree exceptionally to waive its rights deriving from Article 342 TFEU in conjunction with Article 3 of the EC Regulation 1/1958** to have the full document translated in Estonian, and to limit the translation only to the actual Decision (i.e. 3 pages) **while leaving its annex and appendixes (i.e. the technical document itself) adopted and notified to Member States pursuant to Article 297 of the Treaty only in English.**

The language waiver will be considered valid only if agreed by all the Member States to whom the Decision is addressed.

I would be grateful to receive your written confirmation by 31 August.

Yours sincerely,

Electronically signed

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⁽²⁾ While translating the RUE part may be considered an ordinary translation effort (even if RUE Decisions are normally much slimmer), translating the CUE part will require a substantial logistical effort aimed at ensuring availability in Brussels of both secure areas and of vetted translators.