2013 discharge: Artemis Joint Undertaking to implement a Joint Technology Initiative in Embedded Computing Systems

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PURPOSE: to grant discharge to the Artemis Joint Undertaking for the financial year 2013.

NON-LEGISLATIVE ACT: Decision (EU) 2015/2208 of the European Parliament on discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget of the Artemis Joint Undertaking for the financial year 2013.

CONTENT: with the present decision, the European Parliament grants discharge to the Executive Director of the ECSEL in respect of the implementation of the Artemis Joint Undertaking for the financial year 2013. It approved the closure of the accounts of the Joint Undertaking in a parallel decision (Decision (EU) 2015/2209).

This decision is in line with the second resolution by the European Parliament adopted on 27 October 2015 and comprises a series of observations that form an integral part of the discharge decision (please refer to the summary of the opinion of 27 October 2015).

Amongst the main observations made, Parliament recalled that the Joint Undertaking received a **qualified opinion from the Court of Auditors on the legality and the regularity of the transactions underlying the annual accounts** on the grounds that the Joint Undertaking was not in a position to assess whether the *ex post* audit strategy provides sufficient assurance with respect to the legality and regularity of the underlying transactions.

The resolution acknowledged from the Joint Undertaking that it made progress in implementing the action plan aimed at remedying the deficiencies identified by the Court in its qualified opinion and that the rate of assessed grant coverage continues to rise.