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In adopting the report by Mr ROVSING, the Committee on Energy called on the Commission to step up its coordination and cooperation with the European Space Agency and other relevant European bodies. It also called for the development of a Union policy for the space industry and asked the Commission to submit proposals aimed at promoting the applications and results of European space technologies whilst establishing mechanisms to ensure that consideration was given to the aspects of the space policy affecting telecommunications in the European telecommunications policy. The participation of European laboratories in proposing experiments to be carried out in space should be encouraged; European training in space techniques at Community level was deemed necessary. The Committee on Energy, Research and Technology recommended the adoption of rules at multilateral level on unfair practices concerning the provision of services for space launches and transport and called on the Commission to report on the progress of the negotiations held on this matter with the United States and Russia. The parliamentary committee also felt that Europe should define a strategy for satellite navigation in order to guarantee the presence of the European industry in the satellite technology sector.