Satellite communications: the provision of and access to space segment capacity

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Adopting the report by Mr HOPPENSTEDT, the European Parliament called on the Member States to take steps to ensure that satellite transmission capacities were allocated in a non-discriminatory manner. In its resolution, the European Parliament: - called on the Member States to lobby organisations such as Intelsat, Inmarsat and Eutelsat to ensure that space segment capacities were allocated fairly and to adopt a balanced common approach which allowed orbital resources and frequencies to be managed efficiently; - called on the Commission to take account of both cultural and economic pluralism in order to preserve and strengthen diversity in the radio-broadcasting and personal communications sectors; - stressed that the principle of free access to the satellite sector should apply equally to public corporations and private operators; - felt that there might to cause to set up a central supervisory body in charge of controlling space segment capacity providers in Europe. Parliament deplored the fact that the Commission had failed to table a draft resolution together with its communication and called on it to enclose draft resolutions with pre-legislative communications in the future.