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Towards a stronger European disaster response

With this letter the Public Safety Communication Europe (PSCE) would like to support the contribution to the text of the Draft report on the Communication entitled *"Towards a stronger European disaster response: the role of civil protection and humanitarian assistance"* (2011/2023(INI)). Some of the elements presented by this Report lay in the heart of the PSCE activities.

The PSCE mission is to foster excellence in the development and use of public safety communications and information management systems as well as to improve the provision of public safety services for the citizens of Europe and beyond.

PSCE already published its position paper dealing with this issue prior to the parliamentary discussions of ENVI committee meeting which took place on 18 April 2011. The document proposed concrete amendments on specific strategic issues having a direct link to the scope of its activities and expertise.

The PSCE followed very closely discussions on the Draft Report of MEP Elisabetta GARDINI as well as proposed amendments issued on 13 May 2011 by the ENVI committee (PE462.621v01-00), especially those dealing with aspects related to telecommunication satellites. In particular, PSCE would like to express its strong support to the corresponding amendments 33,34,82,87 and 88 which emphasize the importance of providing real-time information essential for the rescue teams on the ground.

I would like to reassure you that PSCE will closely monitor the next steps of the legislative process. To this end, we remain at your full disposal should you wish to discuss the matter in more detail.

With Best Regards,



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