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to the Commission**

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Subject: Russian space activity exposes vulnerabilities in Europe's satellite infrastructure

The European security environment has changed significantly in recent years. Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine has demonstrated that hybrid threats and intelligence activities are now central elements of the security landscape. These threats increasingly extend beyond land, air and sea and into space.

Recent reporting by the *Financial Times* indicates that European security and intelligence sources believe that Russian space vehicles have conducted close manoeuvres near European geostationary satellites, highlighting vulnerabilities in Europe's satellite infrastructure.

Particular concern has been raised regarding older European satellites that lack modern encryption and advanced onboard security features.

EU space infrastructure underpins a wide range of critical functions, including communications, navigation, energy systems and crisis response. Disruption, interference or loss of control over these assets could therefore have serious consequences for European security, economic stability and societal resilience.

Against this background, we would like to ask whether the Commission has considered carrying out, or has already carried out, a comprehensive vulnerability assessment of the EU's space infrastructure? If not, does the Commission intend to initiate such an assessment as part of its work on EU security and resilience?

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