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Dear Mr. TYCZ,

LE DIRECTEUR GÉNÉRAL

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The French administration has noted with interest the Application from AFRISPACE INC. for Authority to Launch and Operate a Replacement Satellite, Afristar-2, at 21° E.L. (file number SAT-RPL-2005031100061).

Considering that the French administration is supporting the development of a European Satellite Digital Radio programme (E-SDR initiative) that will make use of frequency assignments in the same frequency bands to serve in particular Europe (published by the ITU under FSAT-DAB networks), I look forward to close coordination between our two administrations on this subject, as these two projects are likely to be technically incompatible.

Yours sincerely,

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