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THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the further implementation of the European satellite radio-navigation programmes (EGNOS and Galileo)¹, and in particular Article 15 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) The aim of the Galileo programme is to establish the first global satellite radio-navigation and positioning infrastructure specifically designed for civilian purposes. The aim of the EGNOS programme is to improve the quality of signals from existing global satellite navigation systems.
- (2) The space and ground-based infrastructures of Galileo should be established by end 2013 while EGNOS is to achieve operational qualification in 2009.
- (3) The Commission, assisted by the European GNSS Committee set up under Article 19 of the GNSS Regulation shall be responsible for the management of the programmes, ensuring overall control of costs and schedules.
- (4) It shall notably adopt measures to define a strategic framework, including inter alia the main actions, the estimated budget and the related timetable, and establish a work programme, to be reviewed on an annual basis.
- (5) The strategic framework shall be adopted in accordance with the regulatory procedure with scrutiny referred to in Article 5a of Council Decision 1999/468/EC.
- (6) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the European GNSS Committee and of the European Parliament.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The strategic framework for the GNSS programmes set out in the Annex is adopted.

¹ OJ L196, 24.7.2008

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For the Commission
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