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Mr Jim Nixon - Head of Defence Spectrum Management

Ministry of Defence  
4th Floor Zone B Desk 17  
MoD Main Building  
Whitehall  
London SW1A 2HB

Dear Mr Nixon,

**UK Defence Spectrum Management: Consultation on an Implementation Plan for Reform**

SELEX Galileo is very pleased to respond to the MoD consultation on its implementation plan to reform UK Defence Spectrum Management.

As a leading member of the defence industrial community we believe that this consultation represents a significant step forward in an initiative that will be of great value to the UK.

We trust that you will find our comments relevant and informative in taking this process forwards.

**About Finmeccanica and SELEX Galileo**

For readers who may not be familiar with our organisation we provide a brief summary and introduction to our business below.

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