

Review committee members,

We are writing to express our eager and earnest support to the ESA ITT ESA AO/1-9498/18/NL/MM “APPLYING OPEN SOURCE DEVELOPMENT METHODOLOGIES TO SATCOM SYSTEMS”.

In our role as the steering committee of OpenSAND, we think that developing open source model to satcom systems is very important and OpenSAND, as a R&D engineering tool for modeling a telecom satcom system, fully complies with the orientation of this initiative. OpenSAND has been built to capitalize effort between actors of satcom ground segment research and it matches as an open source project of the ESA ITT. OpenSAND follows GPLv3 open source paradigm.

The effort and work on open source are critical and impactful to the long-term success of future Satcom ecosystem in the global landscape of Telecom and development of space technologies in an open and accessible way for everyone around the world.

We as OpenSAND steering committee could not be more excited about the prospect of seeing such a work being developed in an open way, and applied on future industry exploitation avenues and mission concepts.

We as OpenSAND could not be more excited to support, eager to be part of the implementation to the extend possible, and waiting for the exploitation of the results of this ESA project.

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