

**RSSSA Permanent Advisory Committee**  
**Notes of Meeting #04**  
**18 Jan 2023**

**Participants:**

Chair – Michelle Mendes (SatCan)  
Thomas Gillon, Acting Deputy Director (Global Affairs Canada)  
Mathieu Benoit (Natural Resources Canada)  
Andrew Davidson (Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada)  
Joanne Gabrynowicz (University of Mississippi, USA)  
Sarah Gallagher (Western University)  
Brian Gallant (Space Canada)  
Alex Kaptein (Airbus Defense & Space, Germany)  
Eric Laliberté (Canadian Space Agency)  
Gordon Rigby (Macdonald Dettwiler and Associates)  
Brian Statham (Department of National Defence)

**Observers:**

Estelle Chou (Global Affairs Canada)  
Daniel Denis (Global Affairs Canada)  
Maj Roger Dib (Global Affairs Canada)  
Stephanie Ferraira (Macdonald Dettwiler and Associates)  
Ruby Szpeflicki (SatCan)

**Absence:**

Wade Larson (Earth Daily)  
Wesley Wark (Centre for International Governance Innovation)  
Christine Tovee (Wyvern)

**Summary:**

This Permanent Advisory Committee Meeting marked the fourth in a planned series of meetings. This meeting discussed Europe and Germany's Space Policy and Act, and the members revisited potential future topics.

**Agenda – 18 January 2024:**

1. Welcome
2. Regrets / New Business / Approval of Agenda
3. Administration
4. Update Section
5. Topic #1: Europe and Germany's Space Policy and Act
6. Possible Future Topics
7. New Business
8. Roundtable
9. Adjournment

## 1. Welcome:

- The Chair welcomed everyone back from the holidays.
- Guest introduction:
  - The Chair re-introduced Tom Gillon as the manager of the Space Regulatory Section.

## 2. Regrets / New Business / Approval of Agenda / Approval of last meeting notes

- Regrets from Wesley Wark and Christine Tovee.
- No New Business was raised.
- Agenda approved by Committee.
- Approval of Meeting Notes #3 (Sep 2023) – one editorial correction to be implemented, and the Committee Members accepted the notes. To be distributed after the edits are imbedded.

### Item #3: Administration Items

- SatCan Webpage:
  - Both, French and English versions of the Mtg Notes #1 and #2 are now posted on the SatCan Webpage.
  - Link: <https://www.satellitecanada.org/rsssa>.
- Assigning Tasks to Specific Committee Member and presentations:
  - When a task is assigned or when a member volunteers to conduct a task, the name of the person will be captured in the meeting email only; not the meeting notes.
- Presentations:
  - Committee Members conducting presentations, they will be named in the email invitation only (agenda), not in the meeting notes.
  - External presenters are not specifically mentioned, other than at the listing of “attendance” under “invited guest”.
- Committee Member Absentees:
  - The Chair reminded the Committee Members of the Term of Reference’s Section 2.3: “members who miss two consecutive meetings may be considered for replacement.”

### Item #4: Updates Section

- GAC/Space Regulatory Section Resource Challenges
  - GAC provided an overview of the financial situation within the Government of Canada and the implication on GAC’s Space Regulatory Section.
  - GAC discussed the Human Resources (HR) challenges in hiring a full-time manager for the section, and GAC is open to hire externally. Committee Members asked if there were more details on the position, such as a position description.

- GAC agreed to share a short description after the meeting.
- CPC Part 2 Update:
  - The CPC Part 2 (RSSSA Application Guide) version 2.1 is now live on GAC’s Webpage.
  - Link: [Remote Sensing Space Systems Act – Operating licence application guide \(international.gc.ca\)](https://international.gc.ca/RemoteSensingSpaceSystemsAct-OperatingLicenceApplicationGuide)
  - The Guide version 2.2 is intended to have the “threshold table.”
  - A Committee Member offered to reach out to universities for feedback on the “reduced” application process, more specifically, the universities participating on CSA’s CUBICS program.
- Task Update –Canadian interest of de-orbiting requirement for space objects in Lower Earth Orbit (LEO):
  - This task was regarding the Advisory Committee Meeting #3’s discussion on the US 5-year de-orbiting requirement in LEO.
  - The Committee Members expressed that they lost site of this task after the Meeting #4 (Sep). As such, members requested time to provide feedback.
  - The Chair noted that the Chair or Secretariat needs to follow tasks more actively. As such, a reminder will be sent after the discussion.
  - Members are requested to provide feedback prior to the next Committee Meeting.

**Item #5 - Topic #1 – Europe and Germany’s Space Policy and Act.**

A Committee Member provide a briefing on the following: The status of Germany’s production of a national space law and the EU’s progress on an EU Space Law.

- This briefing provided an overview of where things are in Europe and in Germany, concerns between the two systems of laws, and other observations.

**Remark:** Details of this briefing’s content and a copy of the slides used not part of these notes.

**Item #6 – Future Topics**

The Committee Members discussed topics for the next meeting.

- The presenter of Topic #1 (Europe and Germany’s Space Policy and Act) also had a brief on the status of WRC and the 5G access to X-Band. Unfortunately, time prevented his to present it. The Committee Members agreed that this presentation can be occur at the next meeting.
- It was proposed to have a presentation by Transport Canada (TC) and Canadian Space Agency (CSA) on Canada’s Commercial Space Launch progress.
- The Committee Members showed interest and agreed for GAC to reach out to TC and CSA in order to make the proper coordination with both government departments.

- GAC inquired if the Committee Members would be interested in providing guidance and comments specifically on updating the *Regulations* (RSSSR). There was a positive reaction to this, with some noteworthy comments:
  - RSSSA (and the RSSSR) update is important and should be considered.
  - Regulations update – a listing on areas and views on what needs to be focussed on when updating was created during the RSSSA Ad-Hoc Advisory Committee.
  - A member asked what the timelines were and if there were any guidelines regarding amending the Regulations. The Chair indicated a desire to discuss with GAC to determine what is needed from the Committee Members.
  - A Committee Member commented that this committee could “replace” or be a substitute to the consultation phase in the amendment process.
  - The Committee is very open to share/contribute on updating process of the Regulations and the Act.
  - It was proposed that the Committee Members could put together a timeline in providing feedback in areas that the Regulations could be updated.
  - It was remarked that in order to make the Act and Regulations important to government, there is need of support from someone in the PMO.

#### **New Business/Round Table:**

- WRC: The Committee Member requested specific feedback regarding the WRC. The member will send an email shortly after the meeting with additional clarifications.

#### **Next Mtg:**

- It was agreed to have the next meeting set for 18 April 2024.
- GAC to send a placeholder after the meeting to have this appear in everyone’s calendar.