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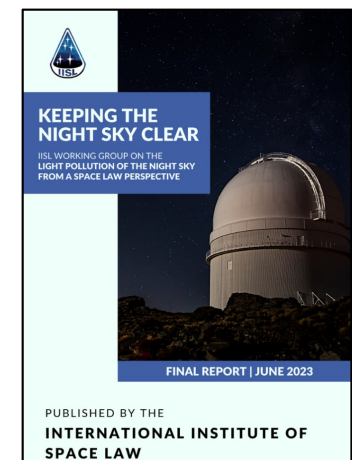
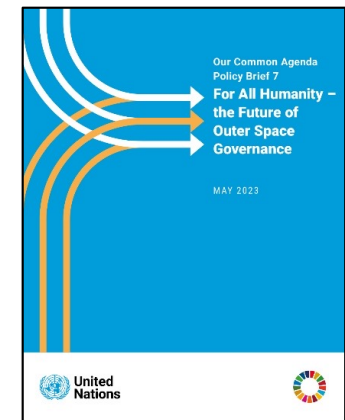
National efforts key in implementing the international space law provisions

- All States should sign and ratify the five outer space treaties.
- All States, parties to the OST, should enact national authorisation and supervision laws under Art. VI (see also the IISL Statement of July 2021).
- In both fields, we are far from the target!
- Practical guidance provided in UNGA Resolution 68/74 of 11 December 2013: Recommendations on national legislation relevant to the peaceful exploration and use of outer space.



Relevant issues in the implementation of obligations under Art. VI OST in national space legislation (1)

- National space legislations should be internationally harmonized to avoid unfair competition, provide a level-playing field and rule out flags of convenience.
- National space legislation should encompass elements supporting the sustainable use of outer space (i.a. debris mitigation, protection of the atmosphere, night sky preservation).
- National space legislation should be ready to foresee to implement Space Traffic Management when internationally regulated.





Relevant issues in the implementation of obligations under Art. VI OST in national space legislation (2)

- National space legislation has to take a line on how to implement legally non-binding commitments (as e.g. in the Artemis Accords or the Zero Debris Charter).
- National space legislation has to respect binding provisions from space law (specifically the non-appropriation principle in Art. II OST), when dealing with space resources.
- State parties to the outer space treaties should work on incentives for respecting the provisions (e.g. insurance conditions) but also on arbitration (e.g. LIAB Art. XIV-XX) and enforcement mechanisms (e.g. ecocide law as comparison).



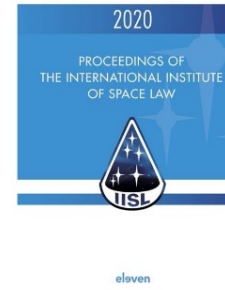


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