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General exchange of information on non-legally binding

United Nations instruments on outer space

**Updated questionnaire on general exchange of information
on non-legally binding United Nations instruments on outer
space**

Submission by Japan

1. At its fifty-fourth session, held in Vienna from 13 to 24 April, the Subcommittee encouraged member States of the Committee, as well as international intergovernmental organizations having permanent observer status with the Committee, to respond, on a voluntary basis and as appropriate, to the questionnaire contained in A/AC.105/C.2/2015/CRP.24/Rev.1, and to submit their responses to the delegation of Japan, which was invited to prepare a compilation of responses to be submitted to the Subcommittee during its fifty-fifth session.

2. This document contains an updated questionnaire for member States and a new one for international intergovernmental organizations. This document would serve as a basis for member States of the Committee as well as international intergovernmental organizations, as appropriate, to provide concrete information on the way and manner in which respective non-legally binding United Nations instruments on outer space have been implemented.

* A/AC.105/C.2/L.297.



TEMPLATE — member States

This template was developed to collect information on the different mechanisms adopted by States in order to implement measures related to the non-legally binding United Nations instruments listed below:

- (1) Declaration on International Cooperation in the Exploration and Use of Outer Space for the Benefit and in the Interest of All States, Taking into Particular Account the Needs of Developing Countries (Space Benefit Declaration)
- (2) Principles Relating to Remote Sensing of the Earth from Outer Space
- (3) Principles Relevant to the Use of Nuclear Power Sources in Outer Space
- (4) Resolution 1721 B (XVI) of 20 December 1961 ((registration of launchings) International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space)
- (5) Other non-legally binding instruments on outer space

May we kindly ask you to choose some of the aforementioned instruments and provide us with the respective information of your State related to these instruments by using the format of the template in order to guarantee comparability?

In your responses to the questions below, member States of the Committee are not required to include information regarding General Assembly Resolution 68/74 on Recommendations on National Legislation Relevant to the Peaceful Exploration and Use of Outer Space, and the Space Debris Mitigation Guidelines of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, which have already been considered under other agenda items of the Legal Subcommittee.

Profile

National mechanism(s):

- Please provide the title(s) of your national mechanism(s) that take measures related to each aforementioned instrument.

Description:

- Please indicate the type of national mechanism, i.e., national laws/regulations, national space policy, and industrial standard. For each national mechanism identified, please provide, as appropriate, a description of provisions related to the aforementioned instrument. For each national mechanism identified, please indicate the specific measures by which the relevant authority controls and supervises such mechanism, i.e., license/permit, internal regulations, contract, etc. Please also indicate the name(s) of the relevant authority in charge of such aforementioned mechanism.

References:

- Please provide a web link to the text of the referenced national mechanism(s), where applicable, or a copy of this.

TEMPLATE — International Organizations

This template was developed to collect information on the different mechanisms adopted by international organizations in order to implement measures related to the non-legally binding United Nations instruments listed below:

- (1) Declaration on International Cooperation in the Exploration and Use of Outer Space for the Benefit and in the Interest of All States, Taking into Particular Account the Needs of Developing Countries (Space Benefit Declaration)
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- (5) Other non-legally binding instruments on outer space

May we kindly ask you to choose some of the aforementioned instruments and provide us with the respective information of your organization related to these instruments by using the format of the template in order to guarantee comparability?

In your responses to the questions below, international intergovernmental organizations having permanent observer status with the Committee are not required to include information regarding General Assembly Resolution 68/74 on Recommendations on National Legislation Relevant to the Peaceful Exploration and Use of Outer Space, and the Space Debris Mitigation Guidelines of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, which have already been considered under other agenda items of the Legal Subcommittee.

Profile

International mechanism(s):

- Please provide the title(s) of your organization's mechanism(s) that take measures related to each aforementioned instrument.

Description:

- Please indicate the type of the mechanism, i.e., internal regulations/requirements, organization's policy, and industrial standard. For each mechanism identified, please provide, as appropriate, a description of provisions related to the aforementioned instrument. For each mechanism identified, please indicate the specific measures by which the relevant authority controls and supervises such mechanism, i.e., license/permit, internal regulations, contract, etc. Please also indicate the name(s) of the relevant authority in charge of such aforementioned mechanism.

References:

- Please provide a web link to the text of the referenced mechanism(s), where applicable, or a copy of this.