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THE RIGHT TO SATELLITE REMOTE SENSE DATA: IMPACT OF MULTILATERAL  
COOPERATION ON INTERNATIONAL SPACE LAW

**Abstract**

Access to satellite remote sense (SRS) data has posed problematic legal issues over the years. While the 1986 Principles On Remote Sense has provided a semblance of a coherent regulatory regime, the reality is that bilateral and multilateral agreements are the cornerstone of international space law governing SRS. An examination of these international agreements reveals the attitude and stance of the signatories toward the 1986 Principles in particular, and the rights and demands of less technologically advanced States (usually the Sensed State) in general. Yet the latter has recently made advances in either launching their own Earth Observation space systems or have entered into multilateral agreements to advance their own participation in SRS. Will these Agreements have an impact on the development of international space law governing SRS?