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REMEDIATION OF SPACE DEBRIS THROUGH MECHANISM OF THE RIGHT TO SALVAGE

Abstract

This paper discusses the right of salvage under the Law of the Sea and Space Law, drawing comparisons and highlighting the differences between the two. It goes on to elaborate whether the basic principles of maritime salvage law should be adopted in space law and the possible legal and political impediments to it.

Furthermore, it must be considered how far the existing treaties (The Liability Convention, etc) and the Optional Rules for Arbitration of Disputes Relating to Outer Space facilitate in mitigating disputes related to salvage. It is important to ascertain the possibility of drafting a treaty on the right to salvage of space objects and whether it may prove to be useful in space debris remediation.