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HOW INTERNATIONAL SPACE LAW IS IMPLEMENTED IN NATIONAL SPACE LEGISLATION:
AN ANALYTIC APPROACH TO SCHEMATIC OVERVIEW OF NATIONAL REGULATORY
FRAMEWORKS FOR SPACE ACTIVITIES

Abstract

This proposed paper is designed to study on how international space law is implemented in national space legislation, based on the analysis of “Schematic Overview of National Regulatory Frameworks for Space Activities” (hereinafter SONRFSA) issued in 2013 by Legal Subcommittee (hereinafter LSC) of Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (hereinafter COPUOS). LSC is expected to undertake efforts aimed at promoting the development of space law both at the international level and at the national level. The general exchange of information on national legislation relevant to the peaceful exploration and use of outer space (hereinafter PUOS) on the platform of COPUOS is regarded as a good way to provide States with a comprehensive overview of the current status of national space laws and regulations and assist States in understanding the different approaches taken at the national level with regard to the development of national space-related regulatory frameworks. Therefore, it is worth taking an academic concern on SONRFSA which is regarded as the achievement of the multi-year work of the Working Group on National Legislation Relevant to PUOS. The proposed paper will focus on discussing States’ space-related regulatory obligations in accordance with the United Nations five treaties on outer space (hereinafter UN five space treaties) and examining the current status of implementation of UN five space treaties by States reflected in SONRFSA and deficiencies in national space-related regulatory frameworks. The proposed paper is designed to consist of two parts besides its introduction and conclusion. The discussion in the elaborative way will be given in the first part on States’ space-related regulatory obligations required in UN five space treaties. The Examination in the analytic approach will be given in the second part on the current status of implementation of UN five space treaties by States reflected in SONRFSA and deficiencies in national space-related regulatory frameworks. The meaning and significance of such analytic and comparative look at the interaction of international space legislation and national space legislation lies in its necessity and benefit to promoting the development of space law both at the international level and at the national level which forms the foundations of the space-related rule of law building.