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Abstract

The Treaty on Principles Governing the Activities of States in the Exploration and Use of Outer Space, Including the Moon and Other Celestial Bodies recognizes the right of all nations to “use” space. As technology develops, new uses of space are made possible. These new uses then make it necessary to determine how the law will apply to them. This presentation will trace the evolution of remote sensing and the application of law to remote sensing at the national and international levels from 1972 to the present. It will conclude with a look at some of the newest legal issues that are being raised by new technologies including 3-D images, constellations, and near-real time data delivery.