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**Abstract**

With the approval of the Moon Agreement in 1979, conclude the first phase of the international space legislation began with the adoption of the Declaration of Legal Principles of 1963 and later the adoption of the Outer Space Treaty of 1967. Since 1979, the COPUOS began its study of others more political issues leading to the UN General Assembly to adopt a set of legal principles under the approach of general declarations, and with the vote of the majority of States and the opposition of others spatial potencies. The new corpus iuris that came to join the space law is different in their legal scope. Thus, making the resolutions by the UN General Assembly which approves on the principles of Direct Broadcasting Satellites, Remote Sensing and Nuclear Power Sources, into general rules and others soft law rules of international law. These different juridical characteristics have influenced the progressive development and the codification of international space law and has limited their effectiveness.