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INTERNATIONAL LAW LIABILITIES FROM INACTIVE SPACE MISSIONS

Abstract

Agencies of space faring nations and International Organisations develop, launch and operate several space systems of great significance and use for the benefit of mankind.

The legal regime enacted internationally has been well defined under international law and complied by the launching States and International Organisations. While such actors remain internationally responsible for space objects in orbit or on Earth as long as they exist, the factual events and relative causal links defined in space law to determine liabilities are to be analysed and evidenced in each possible case.

The paper will summarize critical facts and corresponding examples on how to evaluate possible international liabilities under the applicable regimes, deriving from space objects launched and operated under international cooperations among space agencies. New approaches and proposal on how to remedy will be examined and studied.