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PROPOSAL TO ADD A SPACE ECONOMICS SUBCOMMITTEE TO THE UN OFFICE FOR OUTER SPACE AFFAIRS' COMMITTEE ON THE PEACEFUL USES OF OUTER SPACE(COPUOS IN UNOOSA)

Abstract

The United Nations Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, hosted by the United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs, has a Scientific and Technical Subcommittee and a Legal Subcommittee. International coordination related to space business will become necessary due to the activation of the private space industry. It will be necessary to discuss and coordinate with economic experts, apart from the Science and Technology Subcommittee and the Law Subcommittee. Therefore, it is necessary to establish a new subcommittee on space economy in the United Nations Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space. In this subcommittee, it is necessary to coordinate various economic activities in space that are beyond national borders, such as in the International Space Station, in space, by manned spacecraft, in rockets and satellites, on the moon, on Mars, during interstellar travel, on asteroids, etc. The committee will function when there is a need to coordinate space economic activities. This paper presents a summary of the rationale and issues for the proposal for the establishment of a new Space Economy Subcommittee to the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space.