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KEY CHALLENGES AND LESSON LEARNED FROM THE DRAFTING EXPERIENCE OF THE
MALAYSIAN SPACE BOARD BILL

Abstract

The Malaysian Space Board Bill was recently tabled in the Parliament of Malaysia for the first reading in 2020. This was only realized after a long period of drafting process under various leaderships. It involved contributions from technical experts and legal experts, policy and administrative authority, industry players and the public. This paper aims to share the key challenges and lesson learned behind the process of drafting the space bill especially in terms of technical perspective. The paper highlighted the main processes undertaken en route to realizing the space bill and discussed the key challenges in each process. Amongst the key challenges were the drafting team's understanding of the complete space industry ecosystem, adopting the international treaties on space and other states' law into local context, managing overlapping between existing law and the proposed space bill, time constraints and others. Based on the key challenges, the paper summarized the lesson learned from the experience of the technical drafting team's viewpoints.