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REPORT ON THE PHILIPPINES' IMPLEMENTATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS' GUIDELINES ON THE LONG-TERM SUSTAINABILITY OF OUTER SPACE ACTIVITIES

Abstract

In the year 2019, the United Nations Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space adopted the 21 Guidelines on the Long-term Sustainability of Outer Space Activities, otherwise known as the "LTS Guidelines." These 21 guidelines are voluntary and non-binding, and their aim is to support the States in their development of national space capabilities that ensure the long-term sustainability of outer space activities. Since the adoption of the LTS Guidelines, several states and international organizations have submitted reports on their implementation practices.

This paper aims to contribute to the growing collection of implementation reports by presenting the space activities and practices of the Philippines, a developing country, that align with the Guidelines. The information presented in this paper comes from publicly available reports and publications. Through this analysis, gaps in the country's implementation of the Guidelines are identified, providing insights into the challenges faced by countries with emerging space capabilities. This highlights the critical role that international cooperation and capacity-building plays in bridging the gap between space-faring and emerging space-faring nations towards promoting wider implementation of the Guidelines.