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THE REGISTRATION CONVENTION AT 50

Abstract

The Convention on Registration of Objects Launched into Outer Space (commonly known as the Registration Convention) was adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in 1974 and entered into force in 1976. The convention requires states parties to provide the United Nations with details about each space object. This adds to the registry of launchings that has already been maintained by the United Nations as a result of a General Assembly Resolution in 1962. Several intergovernmental organizations have nonetheless notified the UN Secretary-General of their acceptance of the rights and obligations of the Convention. There has been concern surrounding the growing number of dead or inactive satellites in space for many years now. This paper intends to present the drafting history and look at the subsequent implantation of the convention.