

Celestial Bodies and Interstitial Space in Current Law

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Sources of Applicable Law

- National Legislatures
- International Treaties and Agreements ('67 OST)
- International law
- Charter of the United Nations,
- Methods for maintenance of international peace and security, and
- Methods to promote international cooperation and understanding.

Relevant Principles Adopted by the UNGA

- Declaration of Legal Principles (OST Precursor) 1962
- Principles Governing International Direct Television Broadcasting 1982
- Principles on Remote Sensing of the Earth from Space 1986
- Principles for Use of Nuclear Power Sources in Outer Space 1992
- Declaration on International Cooperation in Exploration and Use of Outer Space for the Benefit and in the Interest of All States, 1996.

Relevant Treaties Concerning Military Uses of Space

- 1963 Treaty Banning Nuclear Weapon Tests in Outer Space
- 1972 Anti Ballistic Missile Treaty and Interim Agreement
- 1973 Prevention of Nuclear War Agreement
- 1973 Anti Ballistic Missile Protocol
- 1979 US/USSR Agreement on Limitation of Strategic Offensive Arms
- 1987 US/USSR Treaty on Elimination of Intermediate- and Shorter-range Missiles
- 1988 Ballistic Missile Launch Notification Agreement

From Preamble to the Charter of the United Nations - 1

We the Peoples of the United Nations Determined

- To save succeeding generations from the scourge of war, ...
- To reaffirm faith in fundamental human rights, ...
- To establish conditions under which justice... can be maintained, and
- To promote social progress and better standards of life in larger freedom,

From Preamble to the Charter of the United Nations - 2

And for these Ends

- To practice tolerance and live together in peace ...
- To unite our strength to maintain international peace and security,
- To ensure ... that armed force shall not be used, save in the common interest, and
- To employ international machinery for the promotion of economic and social advancement

Have resolved to combine our efforts to accomplish these aims.

Conclusions

Law applicable to space is:

- Found in many sources
- Delicate in nature
- In a gradually accelerating state of change
- About to undergo more significant change