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General exchange of information and views on legal mechanisms relating to space debris mitigation and remediation measures, taking into account the work of the Scientific and Technical
Subcommittee

Compendium of space debris mitigation standards adopted by States and international organizations

- 1. The development of a compendium of space debris mitigation standards adopted by States and international organizations was initiated in 2013 as a contribution of Canada, Czechia and Germany to the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, and in reference to the agenda item of its Legal Subcommittee on "General exchange of information and views on legal mechanisms relating to space debris mitigation measures, taking into account the work of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee". The aim of the compendium is to provide an overview of the current instruments and measures that have been implemented by States and international organizations.
- 2. At its fifty-seventh session, in 2014, the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space expressed its appreciation to Canada, Czechia and Germany for the development of the compendium and requested the Secretariat to maintain the compendium on a dedicated page of the website of the Office for Outer Space Affairs.
- 3. At its sixty-first session, in 2018, the Committee agreed that States members of the Committee and international intergovernmental organizations having permanent observer status with the Committee should be invited to further contribute to the compendium of space debris mitigation standards adopted by States and international organizations. They should do so by informing the Legal Subcommittee about any relevant legislation or standards they may have adopted or by updating any information they may have provided earlier, using the template provided for that purpose. The Committee also agreed that all other States Members of the United Nations should be invited to contribute to the compendium and encouraged those other States that had such regulations or standards to provide information on them. (A/73/20, para. 262).







^{*} A/AC.105/C.2/L.308.

- 4. The present conference room paper had been prepared by the Secretariat to inform the Subcommittee of the updates made to the compendium.
- 5. The updated dedicated page of the website of the Office for Outer Space Affairs is available at:

www.unoosa.org/oosa/en/ourwork/topics/space-debris/compendium.html

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Note: Files are presently available in PDF format in English only unless indicated otherwise.

Part 1: National mechanisms

- Algeria
- Argentina
- Australia
- Austria (Updated on 21 March 2016)
- Azerbaijan (Added on 6 February 2019)
- Belgium
- Canada
- Chile
- Czech Republic
- Denmark (Added on 14 June 2018)
- Finland (Added on 26 January 2018)
- France
- Germany (Updated on 21 January 2019)
- Greece (Added on 25 February 2019)
- Indonesia (Added on 6 April 2017)
- Italy
- Japan
- Mexico
- Myanmar (Added on 28 December 2018)
- Netherlands (Updated on 8 September 2015)
- Nigeria
- Poland
- Russian Federation (Added on 18 February 2019)
- Slovakia
- Spain
- Switzerland
- Thailand (Added on 10 February 2016)
- Ukraine (Updated on 10 January 2017)
- United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
- United States of America

Part 2: International mechanisms

- Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (COPUOS): Space Debris Mitigation Guidelines
- European Space Agency (ESA): Space Debris Mitigation Policy for Agency Projects

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- Inter-Agency Space Debris Coordination Committee (IADC): Space Debris Mitigation Guidelines
- International Organization for Standardization (ISO): Standards and technical reports (Added on 5 September 2018 and updated on 21 September 2018)
- International Telecommunications Union (ITU): Recommendation ITU-R S.1003.2
- Italian Space Agency (ASI), British National Space Centre (BNSC), French Space Agency (CNES), German Aerospace Agency (DLR,) and European Space Agency (ESA): European Code of Conduct for Space Debris Mitigation

Download Templates

- Template for States (Word format)
- Template for Organisations (Word format)

Download the Compendium as a single file

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Full text of international instruments relating to space debris

- Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (COPUOS): Space Debris Mitigation Guidelines
 [Arabic] [Chinese] [English] [French] [Russian] [Spanish]
- Inter-Agency Space Debris Coordination Committee (IADC): Space Debris Mitigation Guidelines
- International Telecommunications Union (ITU): Recommendation ITU-R S.1003.2
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