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Questions on the definition and delimitation of outer space: replies from Member States

Austria

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Section 2 para. 48 of the Rule of the Air (Federal Law Gazette II No. 80/2010), a regulation implementing the Austrian Aviation Law, defines the upper state boundary as the height at which aircrafts can no longer operate by aerodynamic lift but only according to Kepler's laws.

El Salvador

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1. El Salvador exercises jurisdiction and sovereignty over its airspace in accordance with the Constitution of the Republic, international law and secondary law. However, it does not possess the legal mechanisms or the technology enabling it to monitor outer space.

2. A line of demarcation must be established between outer space and airspace. The relevant secondary legislation should therefore be updated to protect national sovereignty before any future space activities take place, through the use of technology by the developed nations.

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3. A wide-ranging review should be conducted to enable the State of El Salvador to develop the capacity and the technology to utilize the resources and benefits offered by outer space.
