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Capacity-building in space law

Building capacity in space law: actions and initiatives

Note by the Secretariat

1. At its fifty-first session, in 2012, the Subcommittee recommended that member States and permanent observers of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space inform the Subcommittee, at its fifty-second session, of any actions taken or planned on a national, regional or international level to build capacity in space law (A/AC.105/1003, para. 135).
2. The present document contains replies received from Australia and Portugal.



I. Information received from member States

Australia

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The Australian Space Research Program (ASRP) has awarded a grant, through a competitive merit-based grants programme, to support the delivery of an intensive five week summer programme conducted by the University of South Australia and the International Space University. This programme provides interdisciplinary knowledge and skills to professionals, graduate researchers and senior undergraduate students and, among other relevant topics, it teaches the key concepts and latest developments in space-related policy, legal and regulatory issues.

Beyond the ASRP grant, no specific capacity-building measures have been taken or are planned, however a number of Australian institutions offer university-level study in space law fields.

Portugal

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Outer space law has been a regular component of the programmes of courses on public international law in Portuguese universities. In recent years, special courses have been held addressing outer space law, sometimes in combination with airspace law, an example being the First Post-Graduate Course on Airspace and Outer Space Law (I Pós-Graduação em Direito Aéreo e Direito Espacial) at the Faculty of Law of the New University of Lisbon (Faculdade de Direito da Universidade Nova de Lisboa), in cooperation with the Portuguese Association for Airspace and Outer Space Law (Associação Portuguesa de Direito Aéreo e Espacial, APDAE), in 2005. Also, a colloquium was organized by the same Faculty in cooperation with APDAE, in 2004, entitled “Portugal and Outer Space”.
