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**Committee on the Peaceful
Uses of Outer Space**

Legal Subcommittee

Fifty-fourth session

Vienna, 13-24 April 2015

Item 10 of the provisional agenda*

**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**

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

1. The compendium of space debris mitigation standards adopted by States and international organizations has been developed as a contribution of Canada, the Czech Republic 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 inform States of the current instruments and measures that have been implemented by States and international organizations.
2. The initial version of the Compendium has been made available to the Legal Subcommittee at its fifty-third session held in Vienna from 24 March to 4 April 2014 under agenda item 11 of the provisional agenda of the session (A/AC.105/C.2/L.292) as a conference room paper A/AC.105/C.2/2014/CRP.15, supplemented by a contribution to the Compendium, contained in A/AC.105/C.2/2014/CRP.15/Add.1.
3. At that session, the Legal Subcommittee noted with appreciation the development of the Compendium by Canada, the Czech Republic and Germany, and requested those delegations to continue their work on the compendium with a view to increasing the number of States and international organizations included therein.

* A/AC.105/C.2/L.295.



The Subcommittee further requested that the compendium be provided to the Secretariat prior to the fifty-seventh session of the Committee, in June 2014 (A/AC.105/1067, para. 154).

4. An updated Compendium was provided to the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space at its fifty-seventh session held in Vienna from 11 to 20 June 2014 as a conference room paper A/AC.105/2014/CRP.13. Editorial support in compiling and finalizing the Compendium was provided to Canada, the Czech Republic and Germany by the Legal Services Department of the European Space Agency (ESA).

5. The Committee expressed its appreciation to Canada, the Czech Republic 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 (A/69/20, para. 261). The dedicated website is located at www.unoosa.org/oosa/en/COPUOS/Legal/debris/index.html.

6. The present conference room paper lists files contained in the online Compendium. A similar conference room paper (A/AC.105/C.1/2015/CRP.9) has been made available to the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee at its fifty-second session held in Vienna from 2 to 13 February 2015 with the view of facilitating coordination and interaction between the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee and the Legal Subcommittee.

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

Part 1: National mechanisms (as of 6 June 2014)

- Algeria
- Argentina
- Australia
- Austria
- Belgium
- Canada
- Chile
- Czech Republic
- France
- Germany
- Italy
- Japan
- Mexico
- Netherlands
- Nigeria
- Poland
- Slovakia
- Spain
- Switzerland

- Ukraine
- United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
- United States of America

Part 2: International mechanisms (as of 6 June 2014)

- European Code of Conduct for Space Debris Mitigation
- ESA Space Debris Mitigation for Agency Projects
- IADC Space Debris Mitigation Guidelines
- ITU Recommendation ITU-R S.1003.2
- Space Debris Mitigation Guidelines of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space

Download Templates

- Template for States (WORD format)
- Template for Organizations (WORD format)

Download the Compendium as a single file

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Full text of international instruments relating to space debris

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