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1. The General Rule

2. Joint Liability

If during its launching, transit or descent, damage is caused by a space object that has been launched by several Launching Authorities, those Launching Authorities shall be jointly and severally liable.

3. Liability for damage on earth and to aircraft

The Launching Authority shall be absolutely liable to pay compensation for damage caused on the Earth or to an aircraft in flight and its occupants, during the launching, transit or descent of a space object.

4. Liability for damage to space objects

A Launching Authority shall not be liable under this Convention for damage caused to space objects of other Launching Authorities and to the occupants of such space objects during launching, transit or descent unless the damage is caused by the fault of the first-mentioned Launching Authority.

5. Liability for damage to third parties

If space objects cause damage to third parties, the Launching Authorities shall be jointly and severally liable for such damage. As between themselves, the Launching Authorities shall share equally the burden of compensation unless there is comparative fault, in which event the burden of compensation shall be apportioned between them accordingly.

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6. Damage in respect of which compensation is not payable

Compensation shall not be payable under this Convention in respect of damage caused by a space object to:-

- (a) nationals of the Launching Authority; or
- (b) foreign nationals in the immediate vicinity of a planned launching or recovery area as the result of an invitation by the Launching Authority.