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China's Space Policy, Legislation and International Cooperation

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Outlines of Presentation

1. China's Space Policy
2. China's Space Legislation
3. China's Judicial Practice Concerning Outer Space
4. China's Space Cooperation

1. China's Space Policy

Purposes of China's space industry

- To explore and use outer space
- To benefit the whole of mankind
- To serve national interest
- To improve the scientific and cultural knowledge of people

1. China's Space Policy

China's positions on space activities

- The interest of States and the benefit of all peoples
- Exploration and use for peaceful purposes
- Non-appropriation, equal access, freedom of exploration and use
- International cooperation

2. China's Space Legislation

- Measures for the Administration of Registration of Objects Launched into Outer Space
- Interim Measures on the Administration of Licensing the Project of Launching Civil Space Objects
- Space Debris Mitigation Measures
- Outer Space Ordinance of the Hong Kong Special Administration Region

3. China's Judicial Practice Concerning Outer Space

The Moon Embassy Case

- September 2005: the “Moon Embassy” registered
- October 2005: starting to sell land of the Moon
- Three days later: selling called off
- December 2005: administrative sanction rendered
- Soon afterward: the “Moon Embassy” initiated legal proceedings against Beijing Administration for Industry and Commerce
- March 2007: judgment by Beijing Intermediate People's Court

4. China's Space Cooperation

Multilateral Cooperation

- Cooperation under the UN framework
 - UN-SPIDER Beijing Office
 - Beihang Regional Centre
- Mechanisms outside the UN framework
 - ICG
 - IADC
- Regional cooperation
 - Asia-Pacific Space Cooperation Organization

4. China's Space Cooperation

Bilateral Cooperation

- Over 80 bilateral agreements with 29 States and international organizations
- Two categories:
 - general cooperation agreements
 - cooperation agreements for specific programs

Thank you!