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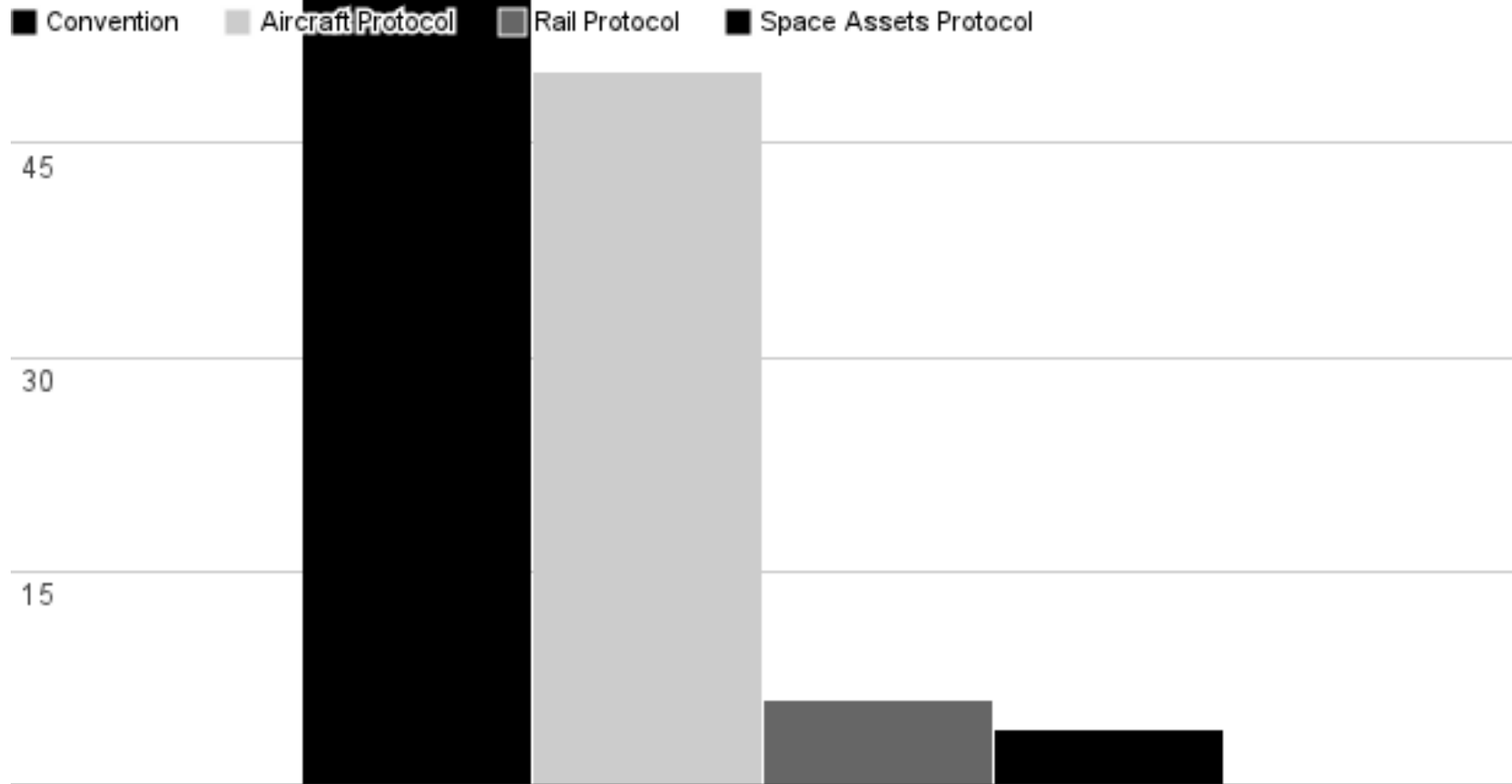
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THE SPACE ASSETS PROTOCOL – A LOOK AHEAD

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National Acceptance of the Cape Town Convention and Protocols



Cape Town Convention: 56 contracting states

Aircraft Protocol: 50 contracting states

Rail Protocol: 5 states + EU signing

Space Assets Protocol: 4 states signing

“uniform, predictable and commercially-oriented regime governing the taking of security in space assets... has the potential to make a considerable difference to the quality of life of countless human beings in the emerging and developing worlds through the enhanced access to satellite services, for such life-and-death matters as disaster forecasting, and broader diversity of satellite operators that it will foster.”

– MJ Stanford, *UNIDROIT’s project for the creation of a new international regime governing the taking of security over high-value mobile equipment: a window of opportunity for the financing of railway rolling stock and commercial space activities*, Tijuana, 2002.



40 States and 10 international Organizations participated in the diplomatic conference.

25 States signed the Final Act at the closing ceremony

Brazil, Burkina Faso, Canada, the Czech Republic, France, Germany, Ghana, India, Iraq, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Pakistan, the People's Republic of China, the Republic of Korea, the Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, South Africa, Spain, Turkey, the United States of America and Zimbabwe. It was also signed