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# National legislation and practice relating to the definition and delimitation of outer space

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#### Mexico

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#### FEDERAL LAW ON TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Chapter 1. General provisions

VI. Satellite orbit: Trajectory of a satellite in orbit around the Earth.

VII. Geostationary orbital positions: Locations along a circular orbit above the equator that allow a satellite to orbit at the same speed as the Earth's rotation and thus permanently to maintain the same latitude and longitude.

REGULATIONS GOVERNING TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Article 2 (I) General terms

IV. Satellite Communications Stations, Systems and Networks

Space station: Radiocommunication station installed on a satellite or other space object, intended to receive, transmit or retransmit radiocommunication signals.

POLITICAL CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED MEXICAN STATES

Chapter II

Constituent parts of the Federation and of the national territory

Article 42. The national territory shall comprise:

VI. The space located above the national territory to the extent and in accordance with the rules established by international law.

BILATERAL AGREEMENTS CONCERNING THE PROVISION OF SATELLITE SERVICES

Definitions:

Space station: A station installed on a space object that is located or planned to be located beyond the Earth's atmosphere.

INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION UNION (ITU)

**Radio Regulations** 

The Federal Telecommunications Commission (COFETEL) also recognizes related definitions established by the specialized international agencies of which Mexico is a member.

In addition, with regard to related practices currently under preparation, the Mexican Space Agency (AEXA) is in the process of being established. AEXA is intended as a specialized technical agency responsible for coordinating, promoting and fostering the research, exploration and use of outer space as part of the country's national heritage, and is envisaged as having the following objective:

The establishment in Mexico of technical and scientific competencies relating to outer space enabling the country to operate within a framework of autonomy in that field and to participate actively in the international space community by promoting:

1. The selection of technological solutions to national problems;

2. The implementation of solutions developed by Mexico to address specific problems;

3. The use of information and technology generated by space-related activities that are of interest to Mexico;

4. International treaties, agreements and negotiations on issues relating to space activities;

5. Coordination of space research;

6. Recognition of the importance of the development, assimilation and use of scientific knowledge and technological developments relating to space research for the economy, education, culture and society;

7. Academic exchange among scientific and technological research institutions;

8. Implementation of agreements on scientific and technological exchange and cooperation with other space agencies;

9. The involvement of Mexican enterprises with the necessary technological capacity to provide equipment, materials, inputs and services required for Mexican projects or of agencies with which agreements on exchange and cooperation are in place;

10. Reform of the Mexican production sector to enable it to compete in markets for space-related services and goods.