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Information on national legislation relevant to the peaceful exploration and use of outer space

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I. Introduction

1. At its forty-sixth session, in 2007, the Legal Subcommittee of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space agreed to include on the agenda of its forty-seventh session an item entitled “General exchange of information on national legislation relevant to the peaceful exploration and use of outer space” in accordance with a four-year workplan (A/AC.105/891, para. 136). According to that workplan, a working group of the Subcommittee would examine, in 2009, the information received from Member States on their national legislation relating to governmental and non-governmental space activities.
2. The present document was prepared by the Secretariat on the basis of information received from Poland and Saudi Arabia.

II. Replies received from Member States

Poland

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A national space act relevant to the peaceful exploration and uses of outer space as well as legislation for the implementation of the outer space treaties ratified by Poland are under consideration.

Saudi Arabia

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1. Saudi Arabia is a member of the International Telecommunication Union, the World Meteorological Organization and the International Civil Aviation Organization.
2. Saudi Arabia has signed various agreements with organizations providing telecommunications and live broadcasting services, including the International Telecommunications Satellite Organization, the International Mobile Satellite Organization and the Arab Satellite Communications Organization, as well as Earth observation. It has also signed most of the treaties governing outer space.
3. Over the past five years, Saudi Arabia has launched 12 satellites providing services relating to information transmission, amateur radio communications and remote sensing.
4. Saudi Arabia has held international conferences on disasters and remote sensing, in cooperation with the Office for Outer Space Affairs of the Secretariat and relevant international and local organizations.