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Views and Activities of the Space Law and Policy Project Group

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Basic Facts about SGAC

- Founded as a result of the 1999 UNISPACE III Conference
- SGAC has had permanent observer status in UN COPUOS since 2001 and has been a member of the UN Economic and Social Council since 2003
- SGAC has a volunteer network of more than 15,000 members in over 150 countries



Space Law and Policy Project Group

- One of 9 SGAC Project Groups
- Currently have 65 members from Asia, Oceania, North America, Africa and Europe
- Open to any member of SGAC
- One of the stated purposes of SGAC is to give the next generation of space leaders a voice in global space policy
- Contributes to SGAC preparations for Legal Subcommittee



Project Group Objectives

- Engage in critical debates about actual legal and policy aspects concerning space activities
- Investigate legal and regulatory challenges faced by the space community
- Propose space-related policy recommendations
- Address potentially emerging questions and issues in the space sector
- Develop research papers regarding trend questions and issues of the space community





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Capacity Building

- Link students and young professionals with each other and wider community
- Offer opportunities for career development and networking
- Provide opportunity to engage in career development and networking



Capacity Building in Space Law

- As a result of SGAC's permanent observer status able to offer opportunities to attend and observe COPUOS directly
- Support UNISPACE+50 Thematic Priorities 2 and 7
- Responded to UN Questionnaires on capacity building and NGO activities
 - A/AC.105/C.2/2017/CRP.12
 - A/AC.105/C.2/110



Women in Space

- Support promotion of women in space law and policy and STEM more broadly
- UNISPACE+50 Thematic Priority 7 and SDG 5
- Key theme of SGF 2.0 included working group on women in space, provided recommendations to UNISPACE+50



Space Law and Policy Directory Project

- Establishing a regularly updated Space Law and Policy Directory
- Facilitating access to the publicly available main space-related legal and political documents in the UN Member States
- Functioning as a free service to the international space community



Spaceports Project

- Working in cooperation with the Centre for a Spacefaring Civilization
- Examining existing initiatives, laws and policies in US, UK, New Zealand, Australia and EU
- Looking for ‘lessons learned’ and best practices
- Report will be published later this year



Guide to Space Law: Through the Lens of Its Drafting History

- Looking at the space treaties, particularly the OST through the lens of its drafting history
- Build upon Cologne Commentary, besides doing independent research on the travaux préparatoires
- Currently conducting initial research and recruitment
- Initial report may be presented at the IAC 2019



Thank You!

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