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It is good to see reactivation of discussions on delimitation of outer space, which also corresponds to delimitation of airspace. And subsequently this point reinforces the importance the matter of space traffic management.

You may know the “Wassenaar Arrangement on Export Controls for Conventional Arms and Dual-Use Goods and Technologies”. The Wassenaar Arrangement Plenary of 42 States approved the List of Dual-Use Goods and Technologies. It has the definition for “Space-qualified” and “Sub-orbital craft”.

“Space-qualified” means designed, manufactured, or qualified through successful testing, for operation at altitudes greater than 100 km above the surface of the Earth. And “Sub-orbital craft” is a craft having an enclosure designed for the transport of people or cargo, which is designed to: a) operate above the stratosphere; b) only perform non-orbital trajectories; and c) land back on Earth with the people or cargo intact.

We believe, active discussions will bring international clarity on one side to the legal matter of delimitation between outer space and airspace and on another (also important) side, to resolving on space traffic management. This matter might have a practical value also in terms of flight safety, protecting public order and peaceful civil life. The esteemed Member States proposed submitted the well-prepared proposal for a study group on legal and policy aspects of space traffic. Let’s keep in mind that this is a proposal to study. And to study is one of functions of our legal subcommittee. By Resolution on 22 September 2024, the UN General Assembly adopted “The Pact for the Future”. The Member States have already decided to discuss the establishment of new frameworks for space traffic through COPUOS. The last Action 56, section 84 of the Pact for the Future. Therefore, we suggest to consider accepting the proposal for a Study Group on Legal and Policy Aspects of Space Traffic at COPUOS Legal Subcommittee and adding the language for the report of the session of the COPUOS Legal Subcommittee.