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In May 2024, the Slovak Republic signed the Zero Debris Charter and strengthened its commitment to the long-term sustainability of human activities in space.

New Slovak Act No. 378/2024 on the regulation of space activities describes space debris as “a non-functional and non-purposeful space object or part thereof located in outer space” and requires that the applicant demonstrates that they have taken appropriate measures to limit the generation of space debris and that the regulated space activity will not cause unreasonable pollution of outer space or adverse changes to the Earth’s environment and its atmosphere.

The Act No. 378/2024 also states that the operator shall be obliged to take and comply with appropriate measures to limit the production of space debris, depending on the technical condition of the space object, taking into account international guidelines for the limitation of space debris.

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The Slovak Republic is the newest Associate Member of the European Space Agency since 13th October 2022 and within this framework supports European space debris mitigation standards that are also considered in the draft of the national Slovak space legislation.