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**SCHEMATIC OVERVIEW  
OF NATIONAL REGULATORY FRAMEWORKS  
FOR SPACE ACTIVITIES \*\***

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\*\* The present document contains information on the national regulatory framework for space activities of Italy, also provided in document A/AC.105/C.2/2011/CRP.7. The information contained herein will be integrated into the future revisions of document "Schematic Overview of National Regulatory Frameworks for Space Activities".

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## **I. Summary of the schematic overview of national regulatory frameworks for space activities**

### **Italy**

- *Law 23, 25 January 1983, Norms for the implementation for the Convention on International Liability for Damage Caused by Space Objects (Official Gazette No.35, 5 February, 1983); Registration of objects launched into outer space, by Law No. 153, 12 July 2005 (Official Gazette No. 177, 1 August 2005)*

Space activities are regulated through the Italian Space Agency (ASI) which, *inter alia*, is entrusted with the institution and maintenance of the National Registry, as well as the collection of all information related to the implementation of the Registration Convention. The national space-related legislation also deals with questions relating to liability for space activities, strengthening the national mechanisms established for the implementation of the Liability Convention.

## II. Schematic Overview of National Regulatory Frameworks for Space Activities

| State and Legislation  | Scope of application | Authorization and licensing | Continuing supervision of activities of non-governmental entities | Registration   | Liability and insurance  | Safety | Transfer of ownership or control of space objects in orbit |
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| <p><u>Italy</u></p> <p>- <i>Liability, with Law 23, 25 January 1983, Norms for the implementation of the Convention on International Liability for Damage Caused by Space Objects (Official Gazette No.35, 5 February, 1983)</i></p> <p>- <i>Registration of objects launched into outer space, by Law No. 153, 12 July 2005 (Official Gazette No. 177, 1 August 2005)</i></p> |                      |                             |   | <p>Law No. 153 of 12 July 2005 provides for the accession of Italy to the Registration Convention. Under article 3.2 of Law 153/2005, the Italian Space Agency (ASI) is entrusted with the institution and maintenance of the National Registry, as well as the collection of all information related to the implementation of the Convention. Under art.3, para.3, of the Law 153/2005, the National Registry shall be filed with: a) any space object launched by natural or legal persons of Italian nationality that launches or procures the launch of that space object; b) any object launched into outer space from a launch site located in the national territory or under Italian jurisdiction and control of Italy, by foreign natural or legal persons.</p> <p>The natural legal persons referred to in art.3, para.3 of the Law shall notify the Italian</p> | <p>Law 23/1983 implements and complements the Liability Convention regime in the national law system. It applies to damages caused by objects launched into outer space by a State part to the 1972 Liability Convention and is based on the following principles:</p> <p>(a) Italian natural and legal persons shall obtain compensation from the Italian State for damages caused by space objects launched by a foreign State, if Italy requested and obtained compensation for the damage by that foreign State under art. VII, para. 1 of the Liability Convention;</p> <p>(b) Italian natural and legal persons are also entitled to receive compensation if the Italian State has presented no claim for compensation, provided, in this case, that a claim has not been presented to the liable State and no compensation has been</p> |        |  |

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|                       |                      |                             |   | <p>Space Agency about the launches carried out and transmit to the Agency all information required under art. IV of the Registration Convention. Art. 5 of Law 153/2005 also require the concerned persons to notify the Italian Space Agency when the space objects entered into the Registry are no longer in Earth orbit.</p> <p>Under art. 6 of the Law, the Italian Space Agency shall communicate the information entered into the Registry to the Ministry of Research, the Ministry of the Economic Development and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs; the latter shall fulfil the international requirements under the Registration Convention.</p> | <p>received by the State on whose territory the damage occurred or by the State in which the persons concerned are permanent residents; (c) Law No. 23 also recognizes a right for compensation to foreign natural and legal persons as long as the Italian State has presented a claim and obtained compensation from the launching State under paragraphs 2 and 3 of art. VII of the Liability convention (that in cases when neither the State of nationality nor the State on which territory the damage was sustained has presented a claim in respect of damage sustained by its permanent residents).</p> |        |  |