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Benefits of Becoming a Party to the U.N. Treaties on Outer Space

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Benefits of becoming a Party to the U.N. Treaties on Outer Space

- **Participate in established and recognized legal framework**
- **Access to a space-specific liability regime**
 - Negligence in space
 - Strict liability on Earth and to aircraft in flight
 - Victim-oriented system
- **Access to peaceful dispute mechanisms and compensation for damage**





Benefits of becoming a Party to the U.N. Treaties on Outer Space

- **Increased probability of engaging in space technology commerce**
 - China's ratification of the Outer Space Treaty and Liability Convention made it eligible to launch U.S. commercial satellites
- **Can catalyze national space law**
 - Protects and promotes National interests





Benefits of Becoming a Party to the U.N. Treaties on Outer Space

- **Join a community of approximately 100 Nation-States**
 - Spacefarers
 - Nonspacefarers
- **Increased opportunities to engage in cooperative and related scientific and educational activities, data, and information**
- **Ability to participate in future international space law making**





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- **Codifies "political will" of a State to play by the global rules**
 - Stabilizes relationships to, and future partnerships with, 100+ or so Nation-States with respect to outer space activities
- **Increased international peace and security**
 - via increased security for space based assets for those countries that have them
 - and via space based services for the countries that rely on them; in particular non-spacefarers





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“If all activities connected with outer space are to be conducted for the benefit of all and to the detriment of none, international co-operation is essential, and if all the possibilities opened up are to be used in a responsible manner, the conduct of States in regard to outer space must be submitted to the rule of law.”

Manfred Lachs

The Law of Outer Space:

An Experience in Contemporary Law Making, 1972



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