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**Committee on the Peaceful  
Uses of Outer Space  
Legal Subcommittee  
Sixtieth session**

Vienna, 31 May–11 June 2021

Item 10 of the provisional agenda\*

**General exchange of information and views on legal  
mechanisms relating to space debris mitigation and  
remediation measures, taking into account the work  
of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee**

**Compendium of space debris mitigation standards adopted  
by States and international organizations**

**I. Background**

1. The development of a compendium of space debris mitigation standards adopted by States and international organizations was initiated in 2013 as a contribution of Canada, the Czech Republic and Germany to the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, and in reference to the agenda item of its Legal Subcommittee on “General exchange of information and views on legal mechanisms relating to space debris mitigation measures, taking into account the work of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee”. The aim of the compendium is to provide an overview of the current instruments and measures that have been implemented by States and international organizations.

2. At its fifty-seventh session, in 2014, the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space expressed its appreciation to Canada, the Czech Republic and Germany for the development of the compendium and requested the Secretariat to maintain the compendium on a dedicated page of the website of the Office for Outer Space Affairs.

As part of its decisions and actions taken by written procedure ([A/75/20](#)), the Legal Subcommittee requested the Secretariat to invite member States and permanent observers, as applicable, to submit contributions to the work of the Legal Subcommittee for its sixtieth session in 2021, in accordance with the following recommendation made by the Legal Subcommittee at its fifty-eighth session, in 2019:

The Subcommittee encouraged States members of the Committee and international intergovernmental organizations having permanent observer status with the Committee to share information on their practices related to non-legally binding United Nations instruments on outer space, for inclusion in the

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\* [A/AC.105/C.2/L.317](#).



compendium on mechanisms adopted by States and international intergovernmental organizations in that regard (A/AC.105/1203, para. 189).

3. The present conference room paper had been prepared by the Secretariat to inform the Subcommittee of the updates made to the compendium.

## II. Updates to the compendium of space debris mitigation standards adopted by States and international organizations

4. The updated dedicated page of the website of the Office for Outer Space Affairs is available at:

[www.unoosa.org/oosa/en/ourwork/topics/space-debris/compendium.html](http://www.unoosa.org/oosa/en/ourwork/topics/space-debris/compendium.html)

### Compendium of space debris mitigation standards adopted by States and international organizations

#### Part 1: National mechanisms

- [Algeria](#)
- [Argentina](#)
- [Australia](#) (Updated on 17 January 2020)
- [Austria](#) (Updated on 21 March 2016)
- [Azerbaijan](#) (Added on 6 February 2019)
- [Belgium](#)
- [Canada](#)
- [Chile](#)
- [Czech Republic](#)
- [Denmark](#) (Added on 14 June 2018)
- [Finland](#) (Updated on 17 January 2020)
- [France](#)
- [Germany](#) (Updated on 21 January 2019)
- [Greece](#) (Added on 25 February 2019 and updated on 19 January 2021)
- [Indonesia](#) (Added on 6 April 2017)
- [Italy](#)
- [Japan](#)
- [Mexico](#)
- [Myanmar](#) (Added on 28 December 2018 and updated on 18 January 2021)
- [Netherlands](#) (Updated on 8 September 2015)
- [Nigeria](#)
- [Poland](#)
- [Russian Federation](#) (Added on 18 February 2019)
- [Slovakia](#)
- [Spain](#)
- [Switzerland](#)
- [Thailand](#) (Added on 10 February 2016)
- [Ukraine](#) (Updated on 10 January 2017)
- [United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland](#)
- [United States of America](#)

#### Contributions received in relation to the compendium not in the format of the template:

- [Algeria](#) (Added on 22 February 2021)
- [Chile](#) (Added on 18 February 2020)

- [Cuba](#) (Added on 20 January 2021)
- [Colombia](#) (Added on 5 April 2021)
- [Jordan](#) (Added on 30 April 2021)
- [Morocco](#) (Added on 8 April 2021)
- [Nicaragua](#) (Added on 8 March 2021)
- [Peru](#) (Added on 4 March 2021)
- [Philippines](#) (Added on 7 April 2021)
- [Spain](#) (Added on 13 January 2021)
- [Tunisia](#) (Added on 13 January 2021)

## Part 2: International mechanisms

- [Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space \(COPUOS\): Space Debris Mitigation Guidelines](#)
- [European Space Agency \(ESA\): Space Debris Mitigation Policy for Agency Projects](#)
- [Inter-Agency Space Debris Coordination Committee \(IADC\): Space Debris Mitigation Guidelines](#)
- [International Organization for Standardization \(ISO\): Standards and technical reports](#) (Added on 5 September 2018 and updated on 21 September 2018)
- [International Telecommunications Union \(ITU\): Recommendation ITU-R S.1003.2](#)
- [Italian Space Agency \(ASI\), British National Space Centre \(BNSC\), French Space Agency \(CNES\), German Aerospace Agency \(DLR,\) and European Space Agency \(ESA\): European Code of Conduct for Space Debris Mitigation](#)

### Contribution received in relation to the compendium not in the format of the template:

- [United Nations Environment Programme \(UNEP\)](#) (Added on 6 April 2021)

## Full text of international instruments relating to space debris

- [Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space \(COPUOS\): Space Debris Mitigation Guidelines](#)  
[[Arabic](#)] [[Chinese](#)] [[English](#)] [[French](#)] [[Russian](#)] [[Spanish](#)]
- [Inter-Agency Space Debris Coordination Committee \(IADC\): Space Debris Mitigation Guidelines](#)
- [International Telecommunications Union \(ITU\): Recommendation ITU-R S.1003.2](#)  
[[Arabic](#)] [[Chinese](#)] [[English](#)] [[French](#)] [[Russian](#)] [[Spanish](#)]
- [Italian Space Agency \(ASI\), British National Space Centre \(BNSC\), French Space Agency \(CNES\), German Aerospace Agency \(DLR,\) and European Space Agency \(ESA\): European Code of Conduct for Space Debris Mitigation](#)

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## Download the Compendium as a single file

- [Compendium of space debris mitigation standards adopted by States and international organizations](#)