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Standing Committee on the Status of International  
Agreements Relating to Activities in Outer Space

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Background

At the meeting of the IISL Board of Directors held at Brighton, United Kingdom, in October 1987, the Board decided to create a standing committee of the Institute to prepare and submit at each annual Colloquium a report on the status of agreements relating to activities in outer space.

Institute members who can contribute substantively to the work of the committee are invited to serve on it. Membership is open to any interested IISL member. The committee members help collect, review and verify data concerning selected space agreements. Agreements of general global applicability or regional applicability are selected for reporting. Bilateral agreements are not included in the report. In general, the agreements included in the present report, and their status, are believed to be valid as of 1 January 1995.

Coded entries are used in the table as follows:

R	=	ratification, accession or succession
S	=	signature only
D	=	declaration of acceptance of rights and obligations

When no entry is made in a column opposite a state's name, that state has not signed that agreement, or is not a party to it, or that state has withdrawn from the agreement.

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AGREEMENTS INCLUDED

- 9. 1971 INTI - Agreement on the Establishment of the International Banning of Nuclear-Weapon Tests in the Atmosphere, in Outer Space and Under Water; done at Moscow on 10 August 1971; entered into force on 10 October 1972; TIAS 5433; 480 UNTS (43)
- 10. 1976 INTI - Agreement on Cooperation in the Exploration and Use of Outer Space, Including the Moon and Other Celestial Bodies; done at Washington, London and Moscow on 27 January 1967; entered into force on 10 October 1968; TIAS 5951; 610 UNTS (205)
- 11. 1978 INTI - Agreement on the Return of Astronauts, the Return of Objects Launched into Outer Space, and the Return of Objects Launched into Outer Space; done at Washington, London and Moscow on 22 April 1968; entered into force on 3 May 1972; TIAS 6552; 655 UNTS (2)
- 4. 1972 LIAB - Convention on International Liability for Damage Caused by Space Objects; done at Washington, London and Moscow on 29 March 1972; entered into force on 11 September 1972; TIAS 2389; 2389 UNTS (24)
- 5. 1975 INTI - Convention on Registration of Objects Launched into Outer Space; done at New York on 14 January 1975; entered into force on 15 September 1976. (28)
- 6. 1978 INTI - Agreement on the Activities of States on the Moon and Other Celestial Bodies; done at New York on 11 December 1979; entered into force on 11 December 1979; TIAS 8232; 8232 UNTS (11)
- 7. 1971 INTL - Agreement Relating to the International Telecommunications Satellite Organization Operating Agreement; done at Washington on 20 August 1971; entered into force on 12 February 1973. (23 TUS 3813, 4091; TIAS 5274; 5274 UNTS (23))
- 8. 1976 INMR - Convention on the International Maritime Satellite Organization (INMARSAT) with annex, and the Operating Agreement on the International Maritime Satellite Organization with annex; done at London on 3 September 1976; entered into force on 16 July 1976. (31 UST 1, 135; TIAS 9605)

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- 9. 1971 INTR - Agreement on the Establishment of the International Telecommunications Organization; done at Geneva, 17 July 1971; entered into force on 25 August 1972; TIAS 5433; 480 UNTS (1972) (1972) (1972)
  - 10. 1976 INTC - Agreement on Cooperation in the Exploration and Use of Outer Space for Peaceful Purposes (INTERCOSMOS); done at Moscow on 13 July 1976; entered into force on 25 March 1977. (16 ILM 1)
  - 11. 1976 ARBS - The Agreement of the Arab Corporation for Space Communications (ARBSAT); done at Cairo on Wednesday, 14 Rabi Al Akhar 1396 H., corresponding to April 14, 1976; entered into force on July 16, 1976. (Space Law and Related Documents, U.S. Senate, 101st Congress, 2nd Session, 395 (1990))
  - 12. 1975 ESA - Convention for the establishment of a European Space Agency (ESA) with annexes; done at Paris on 30 May 1975; entered into force on 30 October 1975. (14 ILM 864)
  - 13. 1975 EUTL - Convention establishing the European satellite organization (EUTELSAT); done at Paris on 15 July 1982; entered into force on 1 September 1985. (XI Annals of Air and Space Law (1985))
  - 14. 1983 EUMT - Convention for the establishment of a European organization for the exploitation of meteorological satellites (EUMETSAT); done at Geneva on 24 May 1983; entered into force on 11 June 1986. (Federal Republic of Germany Bundesgesetzblatt, Jahrgang 1987, Teil 11, p. 256 (1987). This Convention has been published in the national bulletins of the ratifying States)
  - 15. 1974 BRUS - Agreement relating to the distribution of radio frequencies for the use of the geostationary orbit (BRUSAT); done at Brussels on 21 May 1974; entered into force on 25 August 1979. (1144 UNTS)
- The texts of all the above agreements, except 1974 BRUS, 1982 EUTL and 1983 EUMT, were published in Space Law and Related Documents, U.S. Senate, 101st Congress, 2nd Session, June 1980.
- 8. 1976 INMI - Operating Agreement on the International Maritime Satellite Organization with annex; done at London on 3 September 1976; entered into force on 16 July 1976. (31 UNTS 1, 135; TIAS 9602)

**STATUS OF INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS  
RELATING TO ACTIVITIES IN OUTER SPACE**

STATE	TREATY														
	(1) 1963 NTBT	(2) 1967 OST	(3) 1968 ARRA	(4) 1972 LIAB	(5) 1975 REG	(6) 1979 MOON	(7) 1971 INTL	(8) 1976 INMR	(9) 1971 INTR	(10) 1976 INTC	(11) 1976 ARBS	(12) 1975 ESA	(13) 1982 EUTL	(14) 1983 EUMT	(15) 1974 BRUS
Afghanistan	R	R					R		R						
Albania														R	
Algeria	S	R		S			R	R			R				
Andorra														R	
Angola							R								
Antigua and Barbuda	R	R	R	R	R										
Argentina	R	R	R	R	R		R	R							S
Armenia	R						R						R		R
Australia	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R							R
Austria	R	R	R	R	R	R	R					R	R	R	R
Azerbaijan							R						R		
Bahamas	R	R	R				R	R							
Bahrain							R	R			R				
Bangladesh	R	R					R	R							
Barbados		R	R				R								
Belarus	R	R	R	R	R			R	R				R		
Belgium	R	R	R	R	R		R	R				R	R	R	S
Benin	R	R		R			R								
Bhutan	R						R								
Bolivia	R	S	S				R								
Bosnia and Herzegovina													R		R
Botswana	R	S	R	R			R								
Brazil	R	R	R	R			R	R							S
Brunei Darussalam							R	R							
Bulgaria	R	R	R	R	R			R	R	R					
Burkina Faso	S	R					R								
Burundi	S	S		S	S		S								
Cambodia				S											
Cameroon	S	S	R				R	R							
Canada	R	R	R	R	R		R	R				(1)			
Cape Verde	R						R								
Central African Republic	R	S		S			R								
Chad	R						R								

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Chile	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R							
China		R	R	R	R		R	R							
Colombia	R	S	S	S			R	R							
Congo							R								
Costa Rica	R		S	S			R								
Cote d'Ivoire	R						R								S
Croatia	R						R	R					R		R
Cuba		R	R	R	R		R	R	R						
Cyprus	R	R	R	R	R		R						R		S
Czech Republic	R	R	R	R	R		R	R	R	R			R		
Dem. People's Rep. of Korea								R							
Denmark	R	R	R	R	R		R	R				R	R	R	
Djibouti												R			
Dominican Republic	R	R	S	R			R								
Ecuador	R	R	R	R			R								
Egypt	R	R	R	S			R	R			R				
El Salvador	R	R	R	S			R								
Equatorial Guinea	R	R													
Ethiopia	S	S					R								
Fiji	R	R	R	R			R								
Finland	R	R	R	R			R	R				R	R	R	
France		R	R	R	R	S	R	R				R	R	R	S
Gabon	R		R	R			R	R							
Gambia	R	S	R	S											
Georgia								R	R				R		
Germany	R	R	R	R	R		R	R	R			R	R	R	R
Ghana	R	S	S	S			R								
Greece	R	R	R	R			R	R					R	R	R
Guatemala	R			S		S	R								
Guinea							R								
Guinea-Bissau	R	R	R												
Guyana		S	R												
Haiti	S	S	S	S			R								
Holy See		S					R						R		

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Honduras	R	S		S			R								
Hungary	R	R	R	R	R		R		R	R			R		
Iceland	R	R	R	S			R	R					R		
India	R	R	R	R	R	S	R	R							
Indonesia	R	S					R	R							
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	R	S	R	R	S		R	R							
Iraq	R	R	R	R			R	R			R				
Ireland	R	R	R	R			R					R	R	R	
Israel	R	R	R	R			R	R							S
Italy	R	R	R	R			R	R				R	R	R	R
Jamaica	R	R	S				R								
Japan	R	R	R	R	R		R	R							
Jordan	R	S	S	S			R				R				
Kazakhstan							R								
Kenya	R	R		R			R								R
Kuwait	R	R	R	R			R	R			R				
Kyrgyzstan							R		R						
Lao People's Dem. Republic	R	R	R	R					R						
Latvia								R					R		
Lebanon	R	R	R	S			R	R			R				S
Lesotho		S	S												
Liberia	R							R							
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	R	R					R				R				
Liechtenstein				R			R						R		
Lithuania													R		
Luxembourg	R	S	S	R			R						R		
Madagascar	R	R	R				R								
Malawi	R						R								
Malaysia	R	S	S				R	R							
Maldives			R												
Mali	S	R		R			R								
Malta	R		S	R			R	R					R		
Mauritania	R						R				R				

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Mauritius	R	R	R					R	R						
Mexico	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R							R
Micronesia (Fed. States of)								R							
Moldova														R	
Monaco			S					R	R					R	
Mongolia	R	R	R	R	R					R	R				
Morocco	R	R	R	R		R	R					R			R
Mozambique								R	R						
Myanmar	R	R	S												
Nepal	R	R	R	S				R							
Netherlands	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R					R	R	R
New Zealand	R	R	R	R				R	R						
Nicaragua	R	S	S	S	S			R		R					R
Niger	R	R	R	R	R			R							
Nigeria	R	R	R					R	R						
Norway	R	R	R	R	R			R	R				R	R	R
Oman				S				R	R			R			
Pakistan	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R						
Panama	R	S		R				R	R						R
Papua New Guinea	R	R	R	R				R							
Paraguay	S							R							
Peru	R	R	R	S	R	S	R	R							R
Philippines	R	S	S	S			R	R	R						
Poland	R	R	R	R	R			R	R	R	R			R	
Portugal	S		R					R	R					R	R
Qatar				R				R	R			R			
Republic of Korea	R	R	R	R	R			R	R						
Romania	R	R	R	R		S	R	R	R	R				R	
Russian Federation	R	R	R	R	R			R	R	R	R			R	R
Rwanda	R	S	S	S				R							
Samoa	R														
San Marino	R	R	R											R	
Saudi Arabia		R		R				R	R			R			
Senegal	R		S	R				R	R						S



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Seychelles	R	R	R	R	R										
Sierra Leone	R	R	S	S											
Singapore	R	R	R	R	S		R	R							
Slovakia	R	R	R	R	R			R	R	R			R		
Slovenia	R		R	R											R
Somalia	S	S	S				R				R				
South Africa	R	R	R	S			R	R							
Spain	R	R		R	R		R	R				R	R	R	S
Sri Lanka	R	R		R			R	R							
Sudan	R						R				R				
Suriname	R														
Swaziland	R		R				R								
Sweden	R	R	R	R	R		R	R				R	R	R	
Switzerland	R	R	R	R	R		R	R				R	R	R	R
Syrian Arab Republic	R	R	R	R			R				R				
Tajikistan									R						
Thailand	R	R	R				R								
Togo	R	R		R			R								
Tonga	R	R	R												
Trinidad and Tobago	R	S		R			R								
Tunisia	R	R	R	R			R	R			R				
Turkey	R	R	S				R	R					R	R	
Turkmenistan									R						
Uganda	R	R					R								
Ukraine	R	R	R	R	R			R					R		
United Arab Emirates							R	R			R				
United Kingdom	R	R	R	R	R		R	R				R	R	R	
United Rep. of Tanzania	R			S			R								
United States of America	R	R	R	R	R		R	R							R
Uruguay	R	R	R	R	R	R	R								
Venezuela	R	R	S	R			R								
Viet Nam		R					R		R	R					
Yemen	R	R	R				R		R		R				

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Yugoslavia	R	S	R	R	R		R	R						R	R
Zaire	R	S	S	S			R								
Zambia	R	R	R	R			R								
Zimbabwe							R								

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Notes: (1) Canada has a Cooperation Agreement with ESA, but is not a Member.