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The UNIDROIT Space Protocol

Monday, 8 April 2013, 15.00 – 18.00h

INTRODUCTION

A major UNIDROIT project has been the negotiation of the Cape Town Convention on International Interests in Mobile Equipment and the conventions various protocols. Concluded in March 2012 in Berlin, the Protocol on Space Assets is a major step in the development of space law. It is meant to fill a legal lacunae by providing a framework to secure investors in these high-value, high-risk assets. So far, the Protocol on Space Assets is only approaching the required number of ratifications for entry into force, but there is optimism that States will adopt the protocol and that it will become an industry standard. This year's IISL-ECSL symposium seeks to provide commentary and analysis on the protocol and its effects on the various stakeholders involved in commercial satellite ventures. It is intended also to provide indications of the future involvement of UNCOPUOS in this field.

PROGRAMME

Welcome by Chairperson LSC and Presidents IISL and ECSL

Tare Brisibe, Tanja Masson-Zwaan, Sergio Marchisio

The way to the successful completion of the negotiations

Speaker: Martin Stanford, former Deputy Secretary-General,
UNIDROIT, Italy

The negotiations at Berlin – What promise for the future?

Speakers: Bernhard Schmidt-Tedd, DLR, Germany and Stephan Hobe,
University of Cologne, Germany

The perspective from emerging space faring nations

Speaker: Patrick Phetole Sekhula, Councillor,
South African Council for Space Affairs

A perspective from industry

Speaker: Vittorio Colella Albino,
Telespazio, Italy

A look ahead

Speaker: Chris Johnson, LLM adv. Air and Space Law,
Leiden University; MSM, ISU, UK/USA

Concluding Remarks

Tare Brisibe, Chairperson of the UNCOPUOS Legal Subcommittee

Tanja Masson-Zwaan, President IISL

Sergio Marchisio, President ECSL