

# 2016 IISL/ECSL SYMPOSIUM AT THE UNCOPUOS LEGAL SUBCOMMITTEE

40 YEARS OF ENTRY INTO FORCE  
OF THE REGISTRATION CONVENTION –  
TODAY'S PRACTICAL ISSUES

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“40 Years of Entry into Force of the  
Registration Convention – Today’s Practical Issues”

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## **Introduction**

The Registration Convention was opened for signature in 1975 and entered into force in 1976, 40 years ago. Since then 62 States have ratified the registration Convention (some States still register under UN General Assembly Resolution 1721 of 1961 and under Art. XI OST of 1967). This is far less than the 103 States party to the Outer Space Treaty so that further efforts should be undertaken to encourage all States to ratify the Convention. Efforts should also focus on implementing the provisions of the UN General Assembly Resolution on enhancing the practice of States and international intergovernmental organizations in registering space objects, which was passed unanimously in 2007. But it is not only States which register space objects; international intergovernmental organizations can also declare acceptance of the Registration Convention.

This Symposium will not provide history or a mere celebration – even though a celebration would be justified. The purpose of the Symposium is to present a critical assessment of what the current practical and concrete issues, questions and problems in the application of the Registration Convention are. With this, the Symposium tries to support the Legal Subcommittee in

identifying issues, which can be taken up in the session's debates and to provide background and analyses for these issues.

**Coordination Committee of the Symposium:**

- Kai-Uwe Schrogl (*Vice-President, IISL*), *Chair*
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**Programme**

*Welcome by Chair LSC and Presidents IISL and ECSL*

Hellmut Lagos Koller, Tanja Masson-Zwaan, Sergio Marchisio

*Legal and practical considerations of registering mega-constellations and space debris*

Alexander Soucek, ESA

*Registration of hosted payloads, in-orbit transfer of ownership and the future of notification and pre-launch notifications.*

Elina Morozowa, Russian Federation, Intersputnik

*A resume on the application of Resolution 1721 after five and a half decades, the Registration Convention after four decades and the Registration Practice Resolution after almost one decade*

Simonetta Di Pippo, UNOOSA

*Launch providers – role and practice in registration*

Clayton Mowry, US, Arianespace

*Registration and Space Situational Awareness*

Olavo de Oliveira Bittencourt Neto, Catholic University of Santos, Brazil

*Lessons from other regimes (telecommunications, aviation, maritime)*

Stephan Hobe, Germany, University of Cologne/Peter Stubbe, Germany, DLR

*Concluding Remarks*

Tanja Masson-Zwaan, President IISL

Sergio Marchisio, Chairman ECSL

Hellmut Lagos Koller, Chair of the Legal Subcommittee of COPUOS