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

Annual Report - 1993

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 1993.

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a column opposite a state's name, that state has not signed that agreement, or is not a party to it, or that state has withdrawn from the agreement.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

1. **1963 NTBT** - Treaty Banning Nuclear Weapon Tests in the Atmosphere, in Outer Space and Under Water; done at Moscow August 5, 1963; entered into force October 10, 1963. (14 UST 1313; TIAS 5433; 480 UNTS 43)

2. **1967 OST** - Treaty on Principles Governing the Activities of States in the Exploration and Use of Outer Space, including the Moon and Other Celestial Bodies; done at Washington, London and Moscow January 27, 1967; entered into force October 10, 1967. (18 UST 2410; TIAS 6347; 610 UNTS 205)

3. **1968 ARRA** - Agreement on the Rescue of Astronauts, the Return of Astronauts and the Return of Objects Launched into Outer Space; done at Washington, London and Moscow April 22, 1968; entered into force December 3 1968. (19 UST 7570; TIAS 6599; 672 UNTS 119)

4. **1972 LIAB** - Convention on International Liability for Damage Caused by Space Objects; done at Washington, London and Moscow March 29, 1972; entered into force September 1, 1972. (24 UST 2389; TIAS 7762; 961 UNTS 187)

5. **1975 REG** - Convention on Registration of Objects Launched into Outer Space; done at New York January 14, 1975; entered into force September 15, 1976. (28 UST 695; TIAS 8480; 1023 UNTS 15)

6. **1979 MOON** - Agreement Governing the Activities of States on the Moon and Other Celestial Bodies, done at New York December 18, 1979; entered into force July 11, 1984. (18 ILM 1434; UN doc. A/RES/34/68 of 14 December 1979, Annex)

7. **1971 INTL** - Agreement Relating to the International Telecommunications Satellite Organization (INTELSAT) with annexes, and Operating Agreement Relating to the International Telecommunications Satellite Organization with annex; done at Washington August 20, 1971; entered into force February 12, 1973. (23 UST 3813, 4091; TIAS 7532)

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 September 3, 1976; entered into force July 16, 1976. (31 UST 1, 135; TIAS 9605)
9. 1971 INTR - Agreement on the Establishment of the "Intersputnik" International System and Organization of Space Communications; done at Moscow November 15, 1971; entered into force July 12, 1972 (862 UNTS 3)
10. 1976 INTC - Agreement on Cooperation in the Exploration and Use of Outer Space for Peaceful Purposes (INTERCOSMOS); done at Moscow July 13, 1976; entered into force March 25, 1977 (16 ILM 1)
11. 1976 ARBS - The Agreement of the Arab Corporation for Space Communications (ARABSAT); done at Cairo, Wednesday 14 Rabi Al Akhar 1396 H., corresponding to April 14, 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 May 30, 1975; entered into force October 30, 1980 (14 ILM 864)
13. 1982 EUTL - Convention establishing the European telecommunications satellite organization (EUTELSAT); done at Paris July 15, 1982; entered into force September 1, 1985 (XI Annals of Air and Space Law 416 (1986); UK Misc. No.4, Cmnd. 9154 (1984))
14. 1983 EUMT - Convention for the establishment of a European organization for the exploitation of meteorological satellites (EUMETSAT); done at Geneva May 24, 1983; entered into force June 19, 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)

The texts of all the above agreements, except 1982 EUTL and 1983 EUMT, were published in Space Law and Related Documents, U.S. Senate, 101st Congress, 2nd Session, June 1990.

**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
Albania														R
Afghanistan	R	R					R		R					
Algeria	R	R		S			R	R			R			
Angola							R							
Antigua and Barbuda	R	R	R	R	R									
Argentina	R	R	R	R	R		R	R						
Armenia														R
Australia	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R						
Austria	R	R	R	R	R	R	R					R	R	
Azerbaijan							R							R
Bahamas	R	R	R				R							
Bahrain								R			R			
Bangladesh	R	R					R							
Barbados		R	R				R							
Belarus	R	R	R	R	R			R						
Belgium	R	R	R	R	R		R	R				R	R	R
Benin	R	R		R			R							
Bhutan	R						R							
Bolivia	R	S	S				R							
Bosnia and Herzegovina														R
Botswana	R	S	R	R										
Brazil	R	R	R	R			R	R						
Bulgaria	R	R	R	R	R			R	R	R				
Burkina Faso	S	R					R							
Burundi	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 Rep.	R	S		S			R							
Chad	R						R							
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							

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Costa Rica	R		S	S			R							
Cote d'Ivoire	R						R							
Croatia							R						R	
Cuba		R	R	R	R			R	R	R				
Cyprus	R	R	R	R	R		R						R	
(3)Czechoslovakia	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				(2)	R	R
France		R	R	R	R	S	R	R				R	R	R
Gabon	R		R	R			R	R						
Gambia	R	S	R	S										
Georgia														R
Germany	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
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
Honduras	R	S		S			R							
Hungary	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						

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Iran (Islamic Rep. 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						
Italy	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			
Kenya	R	R		R			R							
Kuwait	R	R	R	R			R	R			R			
Lao People's Dem. Rep.	R	R	R	R					R					
Lebanon	R	R	R	S			R				R			
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
Mauritania	R						R				R			
Mauritius	R	R	R				R	R						
Mexico	R	R	R	R	R	R	R							
Monaco			S				R	R						R
Mongolia	R	R	R	R	R				R	R				
Morocco	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

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New Zealand	R	R	R	R			R	R						
Nicaragua	R	S	S	S	S		R		R					
Niger	R	R	R	R	R		R							
Nigeria	R	R	R				R	R						
Norway	R	R	R	S			R	R				R	R	R
Oman				S			R	R			R			
Pakistan	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R						
Panama	R	S		R			R	R						
Papua New Guinea	R	R	R	R			R							
Paraguay	S						R							
Peru	R	R	R	S	R	S	R	R						
Philippines	R	S	S	S		R	R	R						
Poland	R	R	R	R	R			R	R	R				R
Portugal	S		R				R	R					R	R
Qatar				R			R	R			R			
Rep. 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				
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							
Seychelles	R	R	R	R	R									
Sierra Leone	R	R	S	S										
Singapore	R	R	R	R	S		R	R						
Slovenia	R		R	R										
Somalia	S	S	S				R				R			
South Africa	R	R	R	S			R							
Spain	R	R		R	R		R	R				R	R	R
Sri Lanka	R	R		R			R	R						
Sudan	R						R				R			
Swaziland	R		R				R							

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Sweden	R	R	R	R	R		R	R				R	R	R
Switzerland	R	R	R	R	R		R	R				R	R	R
Syrian Arab Rep.	R	R	R	R			R				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
Uganda	R	R					R							
Ukraine	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	R	R	R	R	R		R	R						
Uruguay	R	R	R	R	R	R	R							
Venezuela	R	R	S	R			R							
Vietnam		R					R		R	R				
Yemen	R	R	R				R		R		R			
Yugoslavia	R	S	R	R	R		R						R	
Zaire	R	S	S	S			R							
Zambia	R	R	R	R			R							
Zimbabwe							R							

ORGANIZATION

European Space Agency (ESA)			D	D	D									
European Telecommunications Satellite Org. (EUTELSAT)				D										

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

(2) Finland is an Associate Member of ESA.

(3) On 31 December 1992 Czechoslovakia ceased to exist. On 19 January 1993 the Czech Republic and Slovakia were admitted as new members to the United Nations.