

ADDENDUM

IISL-ECSL Symposium Celebrating the 30th Anniversary of the Outer Space Treaty
Held on occasion of the thirty-sixth session of the Legal Subcommittee of COPUOS
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INTRODUCTION

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On April 1, 1997 a Symposium Celebrating the 30th Anniversary of the Outer Space Treaty was held shortly after the opening of the 36th Session of the Legal Subcommittee of the UN Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space. The Symposium was organized by the International Institute of Space Law (IISL) and the European Center for Space Law (ECSL).

On request of the President of the IISL, *Dr. Nandasiri Jasentuliyana*, the session was coordinated by *Dr. Ernst Fasan*, Honorary Director of IISL, and *Mr. Jitendra Thaker*, Legal Affairs Officer to the UN Office for Outer Space Affairs served as rapporteur.

Fasan welcomed the President of the Legal Subcommittee, *Dr. Vaclav Mikulka*, and many of its distinguished delegates and guests. He introduced the four speakers in the order of the agenda, namely: *Prof. Yuri Kolosov*, of the Moscow State Institute of International Law; *Dr. Ram Jakhu*, of the International Space University; and *Dr. Frans von der Dunk*, of the Institute of Air and Space Law of Leiden University.

After presentation of the papers by the three speakers, there followed a commentary on the topic by *Prof. Vladimir Kopal*, of the

Charles University in Prague, and a "questions and answers" period.

Thereafter, *Dr. Gabriel Lafferranderie*, Chairman of the ECSL, and Legal Adviser of ESA, presented the United Nations and the COPUOS delegations copies of the book, "Outlook on Space Law Over the Next 30 Years". The book had been published by the ECSL to celebrate the 30th Anniversary of the Outer Space Treaty. *Jasentuliyana* received the book on behalf of the UN, and congratulated *Lafferranderie* and the authors. He closed the Symposium with thanks to the speakers and participants.

In conclusion, the Interim Chairman of the Legal Subcommittee, *Kopal*, expressed his appreciation for the information given and thanked the IISL and the ECSL for organizing the event.

A little reception closed the program.

In its Report of April 14, 1997 (A/AC.105/674), the Legal Subcommittee noted with satisfaction that this Symposium had been held, and agreed that IISL and ECSL should again be invited to hold a Symposium on Space Law at the Subcommittee's 37th session.