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# SGAC

## Views and Activities of the Space Law and Policy Project Group

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# Basic Facts about SGAC

- Founded as a result of the 1999 UNISPACE III Conference
- SGAC has had permanent observer status in UN COPUOS since 2001 and has been a member of the UN Economic and Social Council since 2003
- SGAC has a volunteer network of more than 13,000 members in over 150 countries



# Space Law and Policy Project Group

- One of 8 SGAC Project Groups
- Currently have over 100 members from Asia, Oceania, North America, Africa and Europe
- Open to any member of SGAC
- One of the stated purposes of SGAC is to give the next generation of space leaders a voice in global space policy
- Contributes to SGAC preparations for Legal Subcommittee



# Project Group Objectives

- Engage in critical debates about actual legal and policy aspects concerning space activities
- Investigate legal and regulatory challenges faced by the space community
- Propose space-related policy recommendations
- Address potentially emerging questions and issues in the space sector
- Develop research papers regarding trend questions and issues of the space community





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# Questions on Suborbital Flights...

- UN Doc A/AC.105/1039/Add.4
- Suborbital flights would benefit from clearer definition and delimitation of boundary between air and space
- Flexibility and Technical Considerations key for any definition
- Need to involve non-governmental and commercial actors
- Pleased to see development of ICAO-UNOOSA relationship



# Statement on Celestial Resources

- Freedom of use is a permissive freedom
  - Includes freedom of commercial exploitation for peaceful purposes
- Tempered by Non-Appropriation Principle
- Need to ensure stability and equity of space law regime
- Need to ensure respect for “province of all mankind” and “the interests of all countries...”
- US Space Act 2015 valid interpretation of international law
  - Broad agreement with IISL’s statement on subject



# Capacity Building in Space Law

- Links students and young professionals with each other and wider community
- Provides a forum to develop knowledge and understanding of topics
- Provides opportunity to engage in career development and networking





# Capacity Building in Space Law

- As result of SGAC's permanent observer status able to offer opportunity to attend and observe COPUOS directly
- Supporting UNISPACE+50 Thematic Priorities 2 and 7
- Papers on capacity building and NGO activities submitted in 2017
  - A/AC.105/C.2/2017/CRP.12
  - A/AC.105/C.2/110



# Women in Space

- Support promotion of women in space law and policy and STEM more broadly
- UNISPACE+50 Thematic Priority 7
- Sustainable Development Goal 5



# The Outer Space Treaty at 50

- Commemorates the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the OST
- Focuses on the next 50 years of space law
- Today's students and young professionals will be the ones to deliver
- Focus on space security, commercialization of space, sustainable development and space traffic management (including debris)





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Other Relevant SGAC Activities

# UNISPACE+50

- Support Thematic Priority 2 and 7
- Space Law and Policy Project Group will attend
- Develop OST at 50 project further in line with and in support of Thematic Priorities and Sustainable Development Goals



# Thank You!

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