

Azerbaijan, Item 4.

I am happy to inform you that the transformation process of Azercosmos Open Joint Stock Company into the Space Agency of the Republic of Azerbaijan by the Decree No. 1326 of the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan was completed with the registration in the State Register on 15th March 2022.

Hence, “Space Agency of the Republic of Azerbaijan” under the Ministry of Digital Development and Transport of the Republic of Azerbaijan as a national space agency shall participate in the formation and implementation of state policy in the field of space activities, regulation and control, perform functions of national and public importance in the exploration, exploitation and utilization of space for peaceful use with international organizations and foreign government agencies.

As well as, in order to adopt for the first time a legislative act in the field of space activities, draft law “on space activities” has been prepared based on 5 UN treaties on outer space and other relevant international legislation, the designed version of Act "on space activities" has been submitted for the legislative consideration. The stated draft act regulates the space activities carried out by governmental bodies, citizens and legal entities in Earth orbit, including the Moon and other celestial bodies and their orbits.

Related to the application of space legislation by the States, I would like to note that it is administratively easier and rapid to adopt separate, individual norms to existing acts rather than an act entirely covered all areas of space law. Therefore, I would suggest that to provide the States with a baseline of agreed legal norms.

What’s more, that thanks to the stability, modernity and ultramodern infrastructure of Baku – capital city, Azerbaijan has become a unique regional hub for business events. The IAC first time was held in Baku in 1973, and after half a century break, Baku will be again home to the 74th IAC in 2023. I invite you to take part in the Congress, take advantage of global challenges and opportunities.

At the close, It would be good to consider and discuss legal instruments that may serve to prevention of cybersecurity threats to satellite communications disrupting satellites and satellite transmissions, and self-defense parameters in response.

Such kinetic, virtual and hybrid disruptions of satellites and transmissions may occur during the satellite’s active lifespan to the de-activation. An attack on a satellite could cause wide disruptions and endanger national security. Indeed it needs to assent protocols ratified by all States to prevent and regulate such cyber attacks.

Thanks for attention!