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**General exchange of information on national legislation  
relevant to the peaceful exploration and use of outer space**

**Information on national legislation relevant to the peaceful  
exploration and use of outer space**

**El Salvador**

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1. Constitution of El Salvador, art. 84: “The territory of the Republic over which El Salvador exercises jurisdiction and sovereignty is inalienable and, in addition to the continental area, includes [para. 4] airspace, the subsoil and the corresponding continental and insular platform; El Salvador further exercises sovereignty and jurisdiction over the sea, the seabed and seabed subsoil to a distance of 200 nautical miles counting from the lowest tideline, all in conformity with international law.”
2. Article 144 provides: “International treaties concluded by El Salvador with other States or international organizations constitute laws of the Republic.” El Salvador has ratified the Principles Relating to Remote Sensing of the Earth from Space of 3 December 1986.
3. The Civil Code of El Salvador, article 574, defining “national property”, states that “Sovereignty extends to overlying airspace”.
4. El Salvador does not possess the technological capacity to use outer space.
5. El Salvador currently has no organization or State institution with the power to authorize or refuse the use of outer space.
6. There is no legislation regulating or promoting such activities.

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\* A/AC.105/C.2/L.280.



7. The only legislation concerning airspace is the 1952 Convention on Damage Caused by Foreign Aircraft to Third Parties on the Surface.<sup>1</sup>
  8. There is no information on international safety procedures or treaties stipulating compensation in the event of an accident with objects orbiting our outer space that may cause damage in the national territory.
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<sup>1</sup> Ratified on 27 February 1979, published in the *Official Gazette* No. 82, vol. 263.