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General exchange of information on non-legally binding
United Nations instruments on outer space**

**Questionnaire on general exchange of information on non-
legally binding United Nations instruments on outer space**

Submission by Japan

Introduction

This document contains a questionnaire according to which member States are invited to provide information in which concrete ways and manners respective non-legally binding United Nations instruments on outer space have been implemented. This document would serve as a basis for member States of the Committee as well as international intergovernmental organizations, as appropriate, to provide information related to non-legally binding United Nations instruments. Based on the intersessional informal exchange of views with several member States of the Committee since the 2014 session of the Legal Subcommittee, the list of non-legally binding United Nations instruments to be considered for the discussion under this agenda item has been streamlined for the purpose of a more efficient and effective discussion which will eventually produce useful results. In streamlining the list, our delegation especially aimed at avoiding the possible duplication of the subject-matters to be discussed and selecting more relevant subjects in accordance with the current status of peaceful exploration and use of outer space. As a result we focused on the non-legally binding United Nations instruments as shown in the following template of the questionnaire.

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TEMPLATE

This template was developed to collect information on the different mechanisms adopted by States in order to take measures related to the non-legally binding United Nations instruments listed below:

- (1) Declaration on International Cooperation in the Exploration and Use of Outer Space for the Benefit and in the interest of All States, taking into Particular Account the Needs of Developing Countries (Space Benefit Declaration)
- (2) Principles Relating to Remote Sensing of the Earth from Outer Space
- (3) Principles Relevant to the Use of Nuclear Power Sources in Outer Space
- (4) Resolution 1721 B (XVI) of 20 December 1961 ((registration of launchings) International Cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space)
- (5) Other non-legally binding instruments on outer space

May we kindly ask you to choose some of the aforementioned instruments and provide us with the respective information of your State related to their instruments by using the format of the template in order to guarantee comparability?

In your responses to the questions below, member States of the Committee are not required to include information regarding General Assembly Resolution 68/74 on Recommendations on National Legislation Relevant to the Peaceful Exploration and Use of Outer Space, and the Space Debris Mitigation Guidelines of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space which have been already considered under other agenda items of the Legal Subcommittee.

Profile

National mechanism(s):

- Please provide the title(s) of your national mechanism(s) that take measures related to each aforementioned instrument.

Description:

- Please indicate the type of national mechanism, i.e. national laws/regulations, national space policy, industrial standard. For each national mechanism identified, please provide, as appropriate, description of provisions related to the aforementioned instrument. For each national mechanism identified, please indicate the specific measures by which the relevant Authority controls and supervises such mechanism, i.e. license/permit, internal regulations, contract, etc. Please also indicate the name(s) of the relevant Authority in charge of such aforementioned mechanism.

References:

- Please provide a web link to the text of the referenced national mechanism(s), where applicable, or a copy of this.