

**Forum:** Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space  
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**Question of:** Setting regulatory provisions for ensuring safe access into operations in and return from outer space to earth

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1 The Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space,  
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3 *Recalling* the resolutions, A/RES/74/82, A/RES/51/122, A/RES/54/68,  
4 A/RES/61/110, A/RES/73/6, A/RES/72/78 and A/RES/73/91 adopted by the General  
5 Assembly,  
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7 *Alarmed* by the significant increase in the number of transfers into outer space,  
8 activities in outer space and return from outer space to Earth, also the consequences  
9 it might cause,  
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11 *Aware of* the lack of international space traffic rules and other international necessities  
12 for the long-term sustainability of outer space activities,  
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14 *Conscious of* the increasing number of space actors and activities which leads to a  
15 deterioration of safety in outer space and threatens the long-term sustainability of  
16 outer space activities,  
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18 *Emphasizing* the importance of international cooperation in setting regulatory  
19 provisions for ensuring safe access into, operation in and return from outer space to  
20 Earth,  
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22 *Supporting* the activities of space agencies such as ESA regarding this issue,  
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24 *Welcoming* all members of the UN willing to cooperate,  
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- 26 1) **Emphasizes** the importance of further ensuring the safe use of space by;  
27 a) promoting international cooperation based on mutual trust and  
28 confidence,  
29 b) working in the proper definition of space weapons and verification  
30 measure of such;  
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- 1 2) **Draws attention** to the fact that the rules proposed in this resolution are  
2 applicable to non-state actors as well;  
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- 4 3) **Recognizes** that every country has the right to enter space, but hopes to see  
5 collaboration between countries to decrease the number of individual space  
6 actors;  
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- 8 4) **Invites** all members of the UN to contribute to forming an international  
9 regulation, which will;  
10 a) be prepared in accordance with the UN policies,  
11 b) focus on ensuring safety and security, as well as regulating access  
12 into, operation in, and return from outer space to Earth,  
13 c) consider the needs of developing countries,  
14 d) increase the usage of space technologies to ensure safety,  
15 e) take the necessary measures to ensure the implementation of current  
16 international space policies,  
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- 18 5) **Recommends** all member states which have not yet become parties to the  
19 international treaties governing the uses of outer space such as the Treaty on  
20 Principles Governing the Activities of States in the Exploration and Use of  
21 Outer Space, including the Moon and Other Celestial Bodies, to do so, or at  
22 least to review their decisions on those treaties in accordance with their  
23 current national law;  
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- 25 6) **Encourages** all member states to share their opinions and ideas, taking into  
26 account the needs of developing countries, for the purpose of creating  
27 international space traffic rules of the road, which will;  
28 a) regulate space traffic, which has now become more serious than ever  
29 due to the large increase of transfer into outer space, activities in outer  
30 space and return from outer space to Earth,  
31 b) minimize the number of accidents happening in outer space due to  
32 active objects as well as space debris,  
33 c) regulate the issue of uncoordinated activities including space tourism;  
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- 35 7) **Further recommends** all member states, especially those with major space  
36 capabilities, to use space technology more in access into, operation in, and  
37 return from outer space to Earth, and to contribute actively on the goal of  
38 using space technology more efficiently, taking into account the needs of  
39 developing countries, by means such as, but not limited to;  
40 a) cooperating with international space agencies,  
41 b) considering this an international matter and being open to cooperation  
42 and support,  
43 c) financially helping developing countries to supply the needed space  
44 technology for their outer space activities,

- 45 d) applying to the Trust Fund for the United Nations Programme on Space  
46 Applications;  
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- 48 8) **Solemnly affirms** the investment in sustainable modes of transportation, this  
49 includes;  
50 a) the development of reusable spacecrafts,  
51 b) research on new ways of dealing with space trash,  
52 c) the use of sustainable energy sources such as solar energy;  
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- 54 9) **Further encourages** the Committee to continue to consider, as a matter of  
55 priority, ways and means of maintaining safety in access into, operation in and  
56 return from outer space to Earth, and setting regulatory provisions on this  
57 matter;  
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- 59 10) **Expresses its hope** for further cooperation between governments to set  
60 regulatory provisions for ensuring safe access into, operation in, and return  
61 from outer space to Earth, and to improve the current situation.