Conference
on
‘Soft Law’ in Outer Space.
The Function of Non-binding Norms in International Space Law

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Juridicum, Dachgeschoss
Schottenbastei 10-16, 1010 Vienna
9.30 to 17.30

Programme

9.30 Welcome and Opening Remarks
Irmgard Marboe (University of Vienna, National Point of Contact Austria)

9.35 Morning Session

The role of ‘soft law’ in public international law
Steven Freeland (Australia)

The function of ‘soft law’ in the development of international space law
Setsuko Aoki (Japan)

Soft Law in Space Activities
Marco Ferrazzani (Italy; ESA)

10.45 Coffee break

Space Debris Mitigation Guidelines
Carsten Wiedemann (Germany)

The importance of Guidelines and Codes of Conduct for Liability of States
and Private Actors
Irmgard Marboe (Austria)

A Soft Law Approach to Prevent the Weaponization of Outer Space
Fabio Tronchetti (Italy; China)

The European Union’s Initiative for a Code of Conduct on Space Activities:
A Model of Soft Law for Outer Space?
Jean-Francois Mayence (Belgium)

13.00 Lunch
14.00  Afternoon Session

The UN Remote Sensing Principles
*Joanne Gabrynowicz (United States)*

The 1982 UN Principles Governing the Use by States of Artificial Earth Satellites for International Direct Television Broadcasting
*Franz Koppensteiner (Austria)*

Launching State and Registration Resolutions as kick off for a new phase in space (soft) law development
*Kai-Uwe Schrogl (Germany; ESPI)*

15.15  Coffee break

15.30  The Influence of Technical Norms on the Use of Nuclear Power Sources
*Leopold Summerer (Austria; ESA) and Ulrike Bohlmann (Germany; ESA)*

The UN General Assembly’s Space Benefits Declaration of 1996
*Gerhard Hafner (Austria)*

Analyzing International Reactions to Soft Law for Space – Brazil/China/India/Europe
*Ben Baseley-Walker (United States)*

Discussion

Concluding remarks
*Irmgard Marboe (University of Vienna, National Point of Contact Austria)*

17.30  End of Conference

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