



Iowa High School Model United Nations
Security Council
Collaborations Between Member Nations on Space Travel and Exploration
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Background

The United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs (UNOOSA) is the United Nations office responsible for promoting international cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space. This office is also in charge of various other things relating to space such as: The United Nations Register of Objects Launched into Outer Space, United Nations Platform for Space-based Information for Disaster Management and Emergency Response, prepare and distribute reports, studies, and publications dealing with outer space topics, and they conduct international training workshops. The United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs is exclusively only dealing with international cooperation through the exploration of outer space.

International cooperation throughout space topics became a unit within the Department of Political and Security Council Affairs in 1962, when the permanent Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (established in 1958) met for the first time, and was transformed into the Outer Space Affairs Division of that Department in 1968. UNOOSA main objectives are to assist developing countries in their use of space programs and to follow legal, scientific, and technical advancements dealing with space exploration in order to properly inform member nations. UNOOSA is split up into two subcommittees.

The first is the Committee Research and Services Section (CRSS). This committee gives out detailed reports or backgrounds of things involving peaceful use of outer space to the General Assembly. They also provide space laws and the International Space Information Service (ISIS) for member nations to have access to. The second committee is the Space Applications Section (SAS). This committee has been recently more involved with the use of space exploration as an economic and social development. They provide practical training for space exploration as well as helping developing countries implement their space programs and gain international cooperation.

What Has Been Done/Past U.N. Actions

In Resolution 1348, adopted in 1958 by the General Assembly, it recognizes the common interest of mankind in outer space and recognizing that it is the common aim that outer space should be used for peaceful purposes only, Bearing in mind the provision of [Article 2, paragraph 1](#), of the Charter of the United Nations, which states that the Organization is based on the principle of the sovereign equality of all its Members, Wishing to avoid the extension of present national rivalries into this new field.

In 1966 the “Treaty on Principles Governing the Activities of States in the Exploration and Use of Outer Space, including the Moon and Other Celestial Bodies” was passed by the United Nations General Assembly.

On Nov 1, 1991 the United Nations General Assembly passed a resolution, "Prevention of an Arms Race in Outer Space". The resolution reaffirmed that the "will of all States that the exploration and use of outer space, including the Moon and other celestial bodies, shall be for peaceful purposes and shall be carried out for the benefit and in the interest of all countries. The passage of the resolution is significant because it reflects the growing consciousness that a global democratic debate must now ensue if we are to keep space from becoming the next area of military war fighting operations as the U.S. Space Command envisions.

Possible Solutions

Currently the United Nations space exploration is running peacefully and without problems. No problems or complaints have arisen from any member nations at this time.

Questions to Consider

1. Should we try to further help developing nations with their space exploration programs?
2. Is the international space cooperation running peaceful and without any national prominence over another?
3. How do we get our studies and results to more people?

Consulted/Recommended Sources

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