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Uses of Outer Space**
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**Status and application of the five United Nations treaties
on outer space**

**Status of International Agreements relating to activities in
outer space as at 1 January 2012**

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- 4. 1975 REG** **Convention on Registration of Objects Launched into Outer Space**
(Registration Convention)
- Adoption by
the General Assembly: 12 November 1974
(resolution 3235 (XXIX))
- Opened for signature: 14 January 1975 in New York
- Entry into force: 15 September 1976
- Depositary: Secretary-General of the United Nations
(Sources: 28 UST 695; TIAS 8480; 1023 UNTS 15)
- 5. 1979 MOON** **Agreement Governing the Activities of States on the Moon and Other Celestial Bodies**
(Moon Agreement)
- Adoption by
the General Assembly: 5 December 1979
(resolution 34/68)
- Opened for signature: 18 December 1979 in New York
- Entry into force: 11 July 1984
- Depositary: Secretary-General of the United Nations
(Sources: 18 ILM⁴ 1434; 1363 UNTS 3)

B. Other agreements

General

- 6. 1963 NTB** **Treaty Banning Nuclear Weapon Tests in the Atmosphere, in Outer Space and under Water**
- Opened for signature: 5 August 1963 in Moscow
- Entry into force: 10 October 1963
- Depositaries: Russian Federation, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and United States of America
(Sources: 14 UST 1313; TIAS 5433; 480 UNTS 43)
- 7. 1974 BRS** **Convention Relating to the Distribution of Programme-Carrying Signals Transmitted by Satellite**
- Opened for signature: 21 May 1974 in Brussels
- Entry into force: 25 August 1979
- Depositary: Secretary-General of the United Nations
(Source: 1144 UNTS 3)

Institutions

- 8. 1971 ITSO** **Agreement Relating to the International Telecommunications Satellite Organization (ITSO), with annexes**
- Opened for signature: 20 August 1971 in Washington, D.C.
- Entry into force: 12 February 1973
- Depositary: United States of America
(Sources: 23 UST 3813 and 4091; TIAS 7532)

⁴ *International Legal Materials.*

- 14. 1982 EUTL** **Convention Establishing the European Telecommunications Satellite Organization (EUTELSAT)** (amended in accordance with decisions taken by the EUTELSAT parties in May 1999 to provide for the restructuring of EUTELSAT)
- Opened for signature: 15 July 1982 in Paris
 Entry into force: 1 September 1985
 Depositary: France
 (Source: UK Misc. No. 4, Cmnd. 9154 (1984))
- 15. 1983 EUM** **Convention for the Establishment of a European Organization for the Exploitation of Meteorological Satellites (EUMETSAT)** (amended in June 1991 to broaden its objectives to include climate monitoring and to allow for the execution of optional programmes; the amendments entered into force on 19 November 2000)
- Opened for signature: 24 May 1983 in Geneva
 Entry into force: 19 June 1986
 Depositary: Switzerland
 (Source: Germany, *Bundesgesetzblatt*, Jahrgang 1987, Teil II (1987), p. 256. Note: This convention has been published in the national bulletins of the ratifying States.)
- 16. 1992 ITU** **International Telecommunication Constitution and Convention**
- Opened for signature: 22 December 1992 in Geneva
 Entry into force: 1 July 1994
 Depositary: Secretary-General of the International Telecommunication Union and Convention
 (Source: ITU Secretariat, Place des Nations, 1211 Geneva 20, Switzerland)

C. Status of international agreements relating to activities in outer space (as at 1 January 2012)

(R = ratification, acceptance, approval, accession or succession; S = signature only;
D = declaration of acceptance of rights and obligations)

State, area or organization	United Nations treaties					Other agreements										
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)
	1967	1968	1972	1975	1979	1963	1974	1971	1971	1975	1976	1976	1976	1982	1983	1992
	<i>OST</i>	<i>ARRA</i>	<i>LIAB</i>	<i>REG</i>	<i>MOON</i>	<i>NTB</i>	<i>BRS</i>	<i>ITSO</i>	<i>INTR</i>	<i>ESA</i>	<i>ARB</i>	<i>INTC</i>	<i>IMSO</i>	<i>EUTL</i>	<i>EUM</i>	<i>ITU</i>
Afghanistan	R					R	R	R	R							R
Albania															R	R
Algeria	R	R	R	R		S	R	R	R	R	R	R	R			R
Andorra															R	R
Angola										R						R
Antigua and Barbuda	R	R	R	R		R							R			
Argentina	R	R	R	R		R	S	R	R	R	R	R	R			R
Armenia						R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R			R
Australia	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R			R
Austria	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
Azerbaijan									R	R						R
Bahamas	R	R				R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R			R
Bahrain							R	R	R	R	R	R	R			R
Bangladesh	R	R				R										R
Barbados	R	R				R										R
Belarus	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
Belgium	R	R	R	R	R	R	S	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
Belize																R
Benin	R	R	R	R		R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R			R
Bhutan										R	R	R	R			R
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	S	S				R				R	R	R	R			R
Bosnia and Herzegovina		R	R			R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
Botswana	S	R	R	R		R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R			R
Brazil	R	R	R	R		R	S	R	R	R	R	R	R			R
Brunei Darussalam										R						R
Bulgaria	R	R	R	R		R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
Burkina Faso	R					S	S	R	R	R	R	R	R			R
Burundi	S	S	S	S		S	S	S ^a								R
Cambodia						S										R
Cameroon	S	R				S	S	R	R	R	R	R	R			R
Canada	R	R	R	R		R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R		R
Cape Verde						R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R			R
Central African Republic	S	S	S			R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R			R
Chad						R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R			R
Chile	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R		R
China	R	R	R	R		R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R			R
Colombia	S	S	S	S		R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R			R
Comoros										R	R	R	R			R
Congo	S									R	R	R	R			R

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	OST	ARRA	LIAB	REG	MOON	NTB	BRS	ITSO	INTR	ESA	ARB	INTC	IMSO	EUTL	EUM	ITU
Costa Rica		S	S	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R				
Côte d'Ivoire						R	S	R								
Croatia						R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
Cuba		R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
Cyprus		R	R	R	R	R	S	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
Czech Republic		R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
Democratic People's Republic of Korea		R				R			R	R						R
Democratic Republic of the Congo		S	S	S		R	R	R								R
Denmark		R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
Djibouti											R					R
Dominica																R
Dominican Republic		R	S	R	R	R	R	R								R
Ecuador		R	R	R	R	R	R	R								R
Egypt		R	R	S	R	R	R	R		R		R				R
El Salvador		R	R	S		R	R	R								R
Equatorial Guinea		R				R	R	R								R
Eritrea																R
Estonia		R								R						R
Ethiopia		S				S	S	R								R
Fiji		R	R	R		R	R	R								R
Finland		R	R	R		R	R	R	R	R		R	R	R	R	R
France		R	R	R	S		S	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
Gabon		R	R	R		R	R	R								R
Gambia		S	R	S		R	R	R								R
Georgia		R							R	R				R		R
Germany		R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
Ghana		S	S	S		R	R	R						R		R
Greece		R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
Grenada																R
Guatemala			S		S	R	R	R								R
Guinea										R						R
Guinea-Bissau		R	R			R	R	R								R
Guyana		S	R													R
Haiti		S	S	S		S	S	R								R
Holy See		S												R		R
Honduras		S		S		R	R	R								R
Hungary		R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
Iceland		R	R	S		R	R	R						R		R
India		R	R	R	S		R	R	R					R		R
Indonesia		R	R	R	R		R	R	R					R		R
Iran (Islamic Republic of)		S	R	R	S		R	R	R					R		R
Iraq		R	R	R		R	R	R		R				R		R
Ireland		R	R	R		R	R	R	R					R		R
Israel		R	R	R		R	S	R						R		R

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Italy	R	R	R	R	R		R	R	R	R		R	R	R	R	R
Jamaica	R	S				R	R	R	R							R
Japan	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R				R				R
Jordan	S	S	S			R	R	R			R					R
Kazakhstan	R	R	R	R	R		R	R	R					R		R
Kenya	R		R	R	R	R	R	R				R				R
Kiribati																R
Kuwait	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R			R					R
Kyrgyzstan						R	R	R								R
Lao People's Democratic Republic	R	R	R			R			R							R
Latvia													R	R	R	R
Lebanon	R	R	R	R	R	R	S	R			R					R
Lesotho	S	S														R
Liberia						R								R		R
Libya	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R			R			R		R
Liechtenstein						R	R	R						R		R
Lithuania															R	R
Luxembourg	R	S	R			R	R	R		R				R	R	R
Madagascar	R	R				R	R	R								R
Malawi						R	R	R								R
Malaysia	S	S				R	R	R				R				R
Maldives						R										R
Mali	R		R	R		S	R	R								R
Malta			S	R		R	R	R				R	R			R
Marshall Islands													R			R
Mauritania						R	R	R								R
Mauritius	R	R				R	R	R				R				R
Mexico	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R				R				R
Micronesia (Federated States of)																R
Monaco			S										R	R		R
Mongolia	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R			R				R
Montenegro	R	R	R	R		R	R	R				R	R			R
Morocco	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R		R						R
Mozambique																R
Myanmar	R	S				R										R
Namibia																R
Nauru																R
Nepal	R	R	S			R	R	R								R
Netherlands	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R			R	R	R		R
New Zealand	R	R	R			R						R				R
Nicaragua	S	S	S	S		R	R	R	R							R
Niger	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R								R
Nigeria	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R								R
Norway	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R		R						R
Oman			S						R	R						R

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Pakistan	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R								
Palau																
Panama	S	R	R	R	R	R	R	R								
Papua New Guinea	R	R	R	R	R	R	R									
Paraguay						S	R	R								
Peru	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R								
Philippines	S	S	S	R	R	R	R	R								
Poland	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R							
Portugal	R	R	R	R	R	S	R	R	R	R						
Qatar						R	R	R	R	R						
Republic of Korea	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R							
Republic of Moldova							R									
Romania	R	R	R	R	S	R	R	R	R	R						
Russian Federation	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R						
Rwanda	S	S	S	S	S	R	R	R	R							
Saint Kitts and Nevis																
Saint Lucia																
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	R	R	R	R	R											
Samoa						R										
San Marino	R	R				R										
Sao Tome and Principe																
Saudi Arabia	R		R					R	R							
Senegal	S	R	R	R	R	R	S	R	R							
Serbia	S	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R							
Seychelles	R	R	R	R	R	R										
Sierra Leone	R	S	S	S	S	R										
Singapore	R	R	R	S	R	R	R	R	R							
Slovakia	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R						
Slovenia	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R								
Solomon Islands																
Somalia	S	S	S	S	S	S	R	R	R							
South Africa	R	R	S	S	S	R	R	R								
South Sudan																
Spain	R	R	R	R	R	R	S	R	R	R						
Sri Lanka	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R						
Sudan						R	R	R	R							
Suriname						R	R	R	R							
Swaziland						R	R	R	R							
Sweden	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R						
Switzerland	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R						
Syrian Arab Republic	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R						
Tajikistan																
Thailand	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R							

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Total R	101	91	88	55	13	126	36	150	25	19	20	10	96	49	26	190
(ratification, acceptance, approval accession or succession)																
Total S	26	24	23	4	4	11	10	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
(signature)																
Total D	0	2	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
(declaration of acceptance of rights and obligations)																

Note: When there is no entry in a row in which a State's name appears, that State has not signed the agreement referred to in that column heading or is not a party to it or has withdrawn from it.

^a Burundi has not yet filed an instrument of ratification, acceptance or approval in accordance with its declaration under article XIX and has not yet signed the operating agreement.

^b Canada has a cooperation agreement with the European Space Agency but is not a member of the Agency.