International and Other Options for Strengthening Crisis Stability

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Today’s Discussion

• International discussions: fora, approaches, international initiatives

• Domestic Considerations

• Signaling Good Intent

• SSA: Trust but Verify, TCBMs
• Overall: *important to build relationships*

• Bilateral meetings

• Multilateral
• Norms/soft law approaches

• International treaties

• Pros and cons for both
International Initiatives

• Four main treaties

• 2008 Proposed Treaty on the Prevention of Placement of Weapons in Outer Space, the Threat or Use of Force Against Outer Space Objects (PPWT)

• UN Committee on Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (COPUOS)’
  LTSSA Working Group

• UN Group of Government Experts on Space TCBMs

• International Draft Code of Conduct for Outer Space Activities
Domestic Considerations

• Need to understand the *domestic constituencies of the other side*

• Need to have a good idea of *our own domestic considerations*

• Overall: emphasis on *transparency* to the greatest extent possible
Signaling Good Intent

• A good route for **clarifying and preventing misunderstandings**
  
  – Technical steps
  
  – Political efforts

• **Shared prioritization**

• **Similar definitions** of crisis instability

• **Preconceived perceptions** of actors
Trust But Verify: SSA

- JSpOC does wonderful work but also has *limitations*

- *Burden-sharing* for SSA

- USG needs to be *open to sharing* SSA responsibilities

- Must have realistic expectation as to *what others can contribute*

- Role of *commercial sector*
SSA for TCBMs

• Use SSA to *strengthen norms of behavior*

• Monitoring and verification can “name and shame” irresponsible actors

• *Expand the conversation*
Questions?

Thanks.

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