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# **Review of space sustainability initiatives: An update on the GGE and CoC**

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# International Initiatives for Responsible Space

- 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**)
- Deadlocked UN Conference on Disarmament (**CD**)



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# International Initiatives for Responsible Space (2)

- UN *Group of Government Experts* on Space TCBMs
- International *Draft Code of Conduct (CoC)* for Outer Space Activities



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# Draft International Code of Conduct

- 1<sup>st</sup> draft of the Code of Conduct (CoC) was released for international discussions in October 2010
- *Stumble* on first diplomatic efforts
- Many outside supporters felt that it would be good to *use this CoC as a foundation* for future discussions
- International *meetings held around the world* to raise awareness and increase support of the CoC
- 4th and most recent version of the draft released in March 2014



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# CoC Strengths and Weaknesses

- ***Reinforces good behavior*** by space actors
- Promotes ***international cooperation***
- The inclusion of ***“self-defense”*** has concerned some
  - But this is a right that is included in the United Nations Charter and so its removal could impact some countries’ ability to sign onto the CoC
- ***Disconnect*** between what various participants believe the CoC is intended to cover
  - Security issues or simply peaceful use of space?



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**Questions?**

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