



Promoting Cooperative Solutions for Space Sustainability

The Code of Conduct: A Starting Point

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- 1st draft of the Code of Conduct (CoC) was released for international discussions in October 2010
- Stumble on first diplomatic efforts
- U.S. position: support *a* CoC, use this CoC as a foundation for future discussions
- International meetings held around the world to raise awareness and increase support of the CoC
- 3rd and most recent version of the draft released in September 2013

- Being discussed at the state level
- Reinforces good behavior by space actors
- Promotes international cooperation
- Suggests efforts that could serve as excellent confidence-building measures (CBMs)

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- 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?

- Years in the making
- Plan is right now to have it ready for signature by the end of 2014
- Mere fact of international discussion is a positive step
- Effectiveness of CoC in the long-term is how well its norms are carried out



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