



Promoting Cooperative Solutions for Space Sustainability

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*

- 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

- 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*



- Use SSA to *strengthen norms of behavior*
- Monitoring and verification can “name and shame” irresponsible actors
- *Expand the conversation*



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Questions?

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