



Promoting Cooperative Solutions for Space Security

Secure World Foundation Speech

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Mr. Chairman, distinguished delegates, Secure World Foundation would like to elaborate further on our upcoming event “Space Law and Policy 2010” which will take place on the 11th of May 2010 and is being held in conjunction with IAA, IISL, ESPI and Arianespace. The event will comprise of three panels, the first focused on the legal challenges facing US space Industry, the second analysing the development of the international legal regime for space and its sufficiency and lastly a panel on space law in US government daily life.

Space impacts the economy, national defense, international relations and the advancement of science of States around the world and plays an ever-growing role in the day-to-day lives of citizens. SWF believes therefore that understanding how current regulations governing actors in space, at both the national and international levels, is crucial. As space becomes increasingly ubiquitous, there will be a need to refine the space regulatory environment. Building understanding amongst policymakers at the national level as to what system is currently in place and how we may need to amend it in the future to suit changing US and global needs is key. We believe that our event, and our other activities on space law, will assist in this process.

Secure World Foundation plans to continue to promote space law knowledge and space law activities in both the United States and the international context. In this vein, we stand ready to assist the work of the Sub-Committee in any way we can on these matters.

Mr. Chairman, many thanks.