

Transparency and Confidence Building Measures

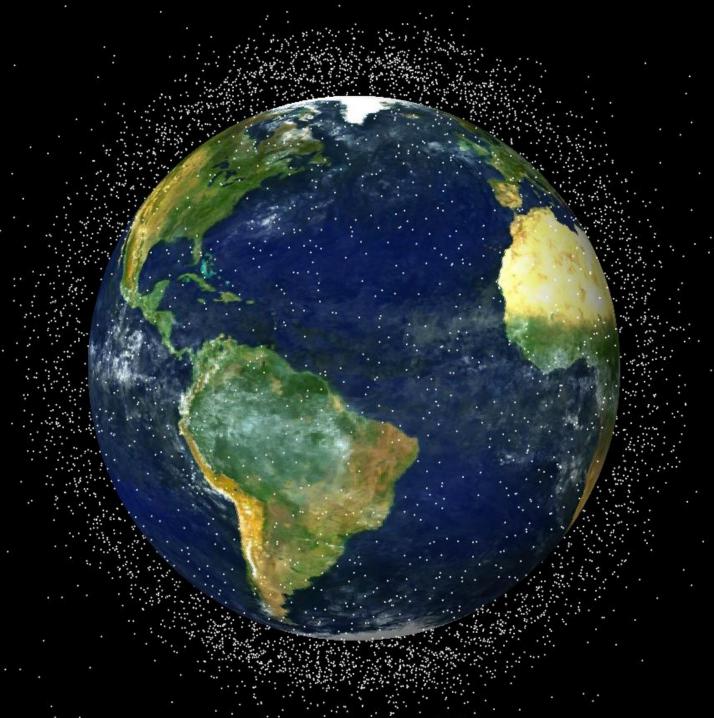
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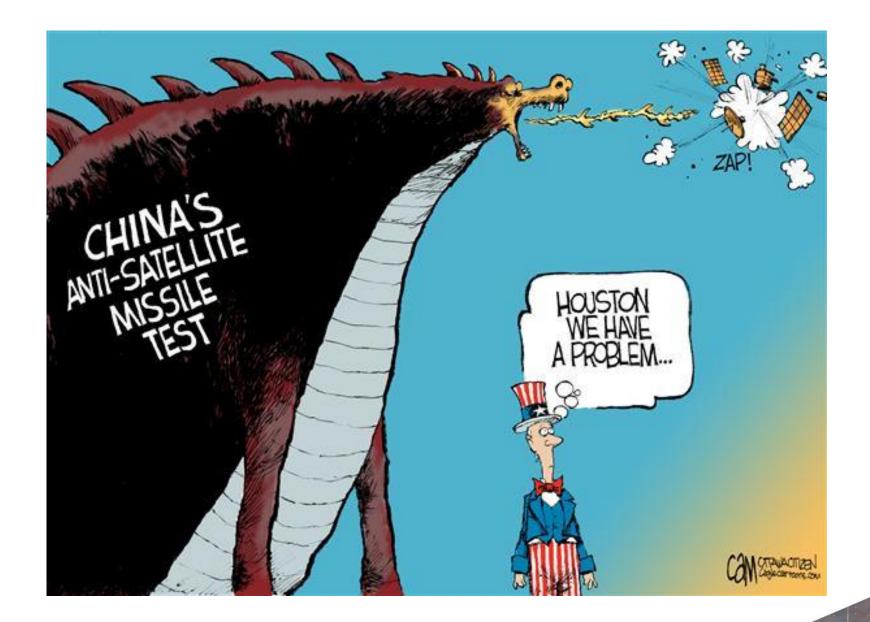
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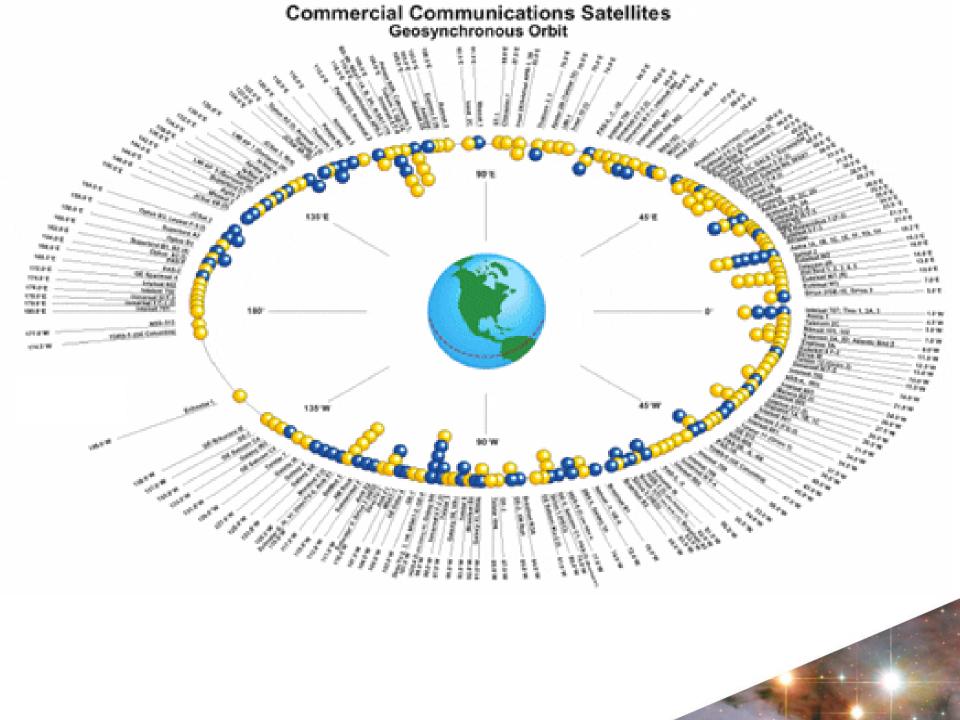
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Is the current governance framework for space Fit For Purpose?

The Outer Space Treaties

- Basic tenets of international space law developed within UN COPUOS and enshrined in the outer space treaties:
 - Outer Space Treaty (1967)
 - Rescue Agreement (1968)
 - Liability Convention (1972)
 - Registration Convention (1975)



ITU

 International Telecommunications Union (ITU) manages radio-frequency and satellite orbit resources:

- Decisions
- Regulations
- Recommendations
- Protocol, Rules, Convention



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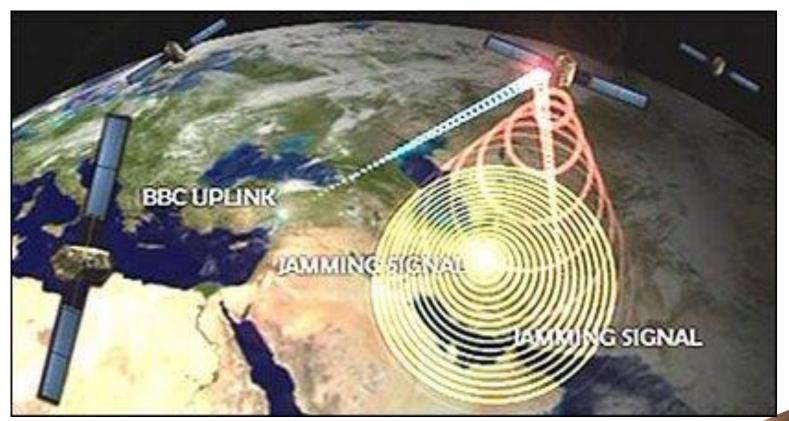
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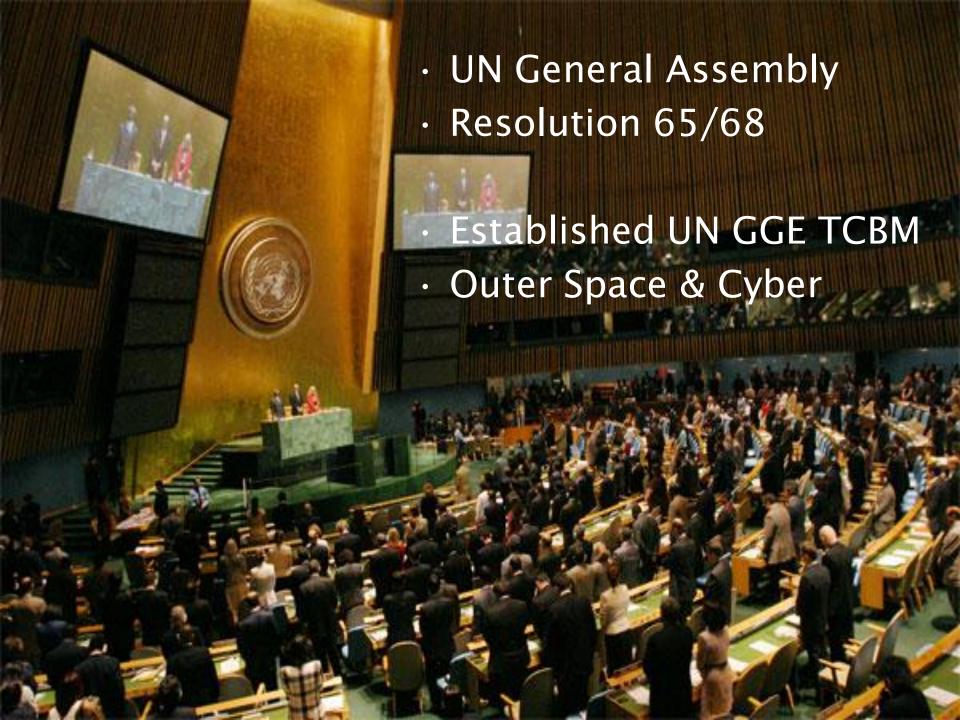
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- Aim is to deter potentially damaging activities in outer space through:
 - Establishment of norms of behaviour to identify irresponsible actions
 - Building of international partnerships to forge alliances and encourage inter-dependency
 - Development of resilient systems to mitigate consequences of impacts on systems
 - Enabling self-defence to respond to hostile actions/actors



UN GGE on TCBMs

UN: United Nations

GGE: Group of Governmental Experts

TCBMs: Transparency and Confidence Building Measures

Aim is to remove potential for suspicion over motives and escalation of hostilities

TCBMs

TCBMs include:

- Treaties (Anti-ABM)
- Forums (IADC)
- Codes of Conduct (Hague)
- Removal of capability (SORT)
- Inspections
- Workshops
- Exchanges



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