National Space Legislation Initiative

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National Space Legislation Initiative (NSLI)

- Launched at the APRSAF-26, 2019 held in Nagoya, Japan.
- Membership is open to national governmental organizations in the Asia-Pacific Countries
- Two objectives:
  - Promote information sharing/mutual learning on national space legislation/policies in Asia-Pacific region
  - Enhance capacity to draft/implement national space legislation/policies in Asia-Pacific region

Jointly draft a report on the status of national space legislation to be submitted to UNCOPUOS LSC in 2021

Study Group among space law/policy experts
- 40 members from 17 national governmental organizations of 9 countries
The report was jointly submitted to the LSC by the 9 NSLI participating States.

The first joint contribution from the Asia-Pacific countries to the LSC.

Main Contents:
- Introduction
- Overview of Space Activities
- Ratification Status regarding the International Regime
- National Legal Scheme relating to Space Activities
- Findings
Expansion of space activities and actors and importance of national space legislation:

- The space activities of NSLI participating States have been rapidly developing recently. This trend has led to the establishment of comprehensive national space legislation in all NSLI participating States.

Current status and challenges to the international and national legal frameworks for space activities:

- The NSLI participating States’ national legislation relating to space activities is rapidly developing, while further laws and regulations need to be considered in order to ensure sustainable space activities, which is a common challenge for NSLI participating States.

Significance and implications of NSLI:

- NSLI, which is based on mutual learning of various States’ practices among regional practitioners, has provided an effective regional model for enhancing capacities in establishing and implementing national space legislation.