

Statement of IISL

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Distinguished participants,

The International Institute of Space Law (IISL) very much appreciates the opportunity to address the International Space Forum as it had the opportunity to do so in the past years. By this, we recognize with appreciation your interest in the topic of space law, which is indeed a basic condition for successful space activities to the benefits and in the interest of all. IISL with its membership from almost 50 countries is the global association promoting space law and supporting all actors, be they governmental or non-governmental in understanding and applying international and national space law and related legal regimes as satellite telecommunications regulations. We clearly pronounce as our basic principle that the rule of law in outer space is in the very interest of all the governments, organisations and private actors, whose number is continuously growing. Disregard of international law inevitably leads to conflict and creates problems for the whole space community. IISL therefore organises a steadily extending set of activities, provides publications for raising the awareness of space law and supports the implementation of its principles and norms. We are glad that we can build in this on a long-standing, strong and fruitful partnership with IAF, IAA and of course UNOOSA.

Distinguished participants,

Addressing the Mediterranean Chapter of the ISF, IISL would like to confirm its statements during the past ISF meetings and stress one specific point, which might be relevant for your deliberations. It is, that the use of satellite data undergoes rapid developments and that further to existing basic international provisions, regulation has to develop in order to fully reap the benefits of Earth observation. International and national law, regulations and arrangements have to meet expectations of data providers and users alike and respond to growing needs in commercial as well as non-commercial fields as disaster management or climate observation.

Distinguished participants,

IISL would like to congratulate IAF and the Italian Government to bring ISF back to the country where it started off. We should mention that right at this moment, Italy is also hosting, in Messina, Sicily, the summer course of the European Centre for Space Law (ECSL) at which a number of IISL members participate as speakers. It is a pleasure to note that at this moment in such close proximity to the meeting place of ISF, the next generation of space lawyers is trained and prepares to support you, the ISF participating organisations, in applying space law for the benefit and in the interest of all.