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COPUOS: Topic #1- Space Travel Regulation

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Space travel is becoming more prevalent in our world. It is no longer limited to space programs within governmental bodies; today, private companies have garnered the resources to travel to outer space. While there are some UN regulations for space launches, a new age of space travel requires additional or revamped space travel laws.

Before moving further, we must familiarize ourselves with the original UN space travel regulations. The “Registration Convention” was a UN convention demanding the registration of all objects launched into outer space. This convention led to Resolution XXIX's adoption by the UN General Assembly in 1974. This resolution gives the UN Secretary-General a registry of the launches of all space objects, whether belonging to a national space program or in the private sector. The actual guidelines for adhering to the Secretary-General's registry are listed in Article IV.1

As Resolution XXIX is the foundation for the regulation of Space travel, I highly recommend all of you delegates carefully review this resolution in preparation for our conference. Additionally, I would like you to address the following questions:

- Are there new space travel developments that this resolution does not address?
- Are there too many/too little regulations in this resolution?
- Does your country desire more cooperation on the issue of space travel?
- Which facets of space travel should be addressed by our committee? Which should remain domestic issues?
- How can our committee address privatization of space travel?

These questions should not be the only means to finding/preparing your position paper. I recommend that you primarily use them to guide you in your research. Again, I highly recommend becoming familiar with Resolution XXIX, which can be found in the footnote¹.

¹ <https://www.unoosa.org/oosa/en/ourwork/spacelaw/treaties/registration-convention.html>

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If you have any questions or comments, feel free to email me at ateller1@mail.yu.edu. I look forward to reviewing your position papers and seeing you in person soon!

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