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Abstract

The increased commercial competition in space, the orbital space debris problem and the rise of so-called 'Space Forces' has raised concerns about conflicts in space. This paper provides a brief and non-exhaustive overview of various organisations and initiatives to further space cooperation. Such initiatives are increasingly important and include activities within the UN System as well as by non-governmental organisations (NGOs). Support for these initiatives and strengthening of their collaborative efforts may be critical to the future. Efforts from within the UN system include work related to the 17 Sustainable Development Goals, UNCOPUOS, ITU, WMO, ICAO, the World Bank, and the UN Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR). Efforts from NGO's include the work of Secure World Foundation, For All Moonkind, the World Economic Forum, the preparers of the Space Security Index, the international Milamos effort, The Hague International Space Resources Governance Working Group, and others. The question is whether these efforts are sufficient and sufficiently integrated, and if not, what more can be done to tie these diverse efforts together to promote better collaboration in space.

A short bio

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