

Space Station

The United States and Canada are currently negotiating an Intergovernmental Agreement and a companion Memorandum of Understanding on Canada's participation in the Space Station. Similar negotiations are proceeding between the USA and Japan, and the USA and the European Space Agency (and its Member States). As part of the negotiations the legal regime applicable to the Space Station in such areas as criminal law, intellectual property, civil liability and tax will be discussed. This presents a major step in the development of the commercial side of international space law.