

architecture. The law of neutrality applied to space military operations will however not be analysed. Thus this paper will concentrate on the exercise of specific belligerent rights on a precise set of space assets.

The term satellite "architecture" is used within this paper as including complementary functional assets, such as ground stations, radio links, and orbital coordinates or parameters. The approach of the paper is also functional in nature dealing with various types of satellite systems. The term "neutralization" refers to military capabilities, which may destroy satellites and/or their architecture, degrade or disrupt their function, cause deception in their use, or prevent their use.