

**CONVENTION  
ON INTERNATIONAL LIABILITY FOR DAMAGE CAUSED  
BY SPACE OBJECTS**

*The States Parties to this Convention,*

*Recognising* the common interest of all mankind in furthering the exploration and use of outer space for peaceful purposes,

*Recalling* the Treaty on Principles Governing the Activities of States in the Exploration and Use of Outer Space, including the Moon and Other Celestial Bodies,

*Taking into consideration* that, notwithstanding the precautionary measures to be taken by States and international intergovernmental organisations involved in the launching of space objects, damage may on occasion be caused by such objects,

*Recognising* the need to elaborate effective international rules and procedures concerning liability for damage caused by space objects and to ensure, in particular, the prompt payment under the terms of this Convention of a full and equitable measure of compensation to victims of such damage,

*Believing* that the establishment of such rules and procedures will contribute to the strengthening of international co-operation in the field of the exploration and use of outer space for peaceful purposes,

*Have agreed* on the following:

**ARTICLE I**

For the purposes of this Convention:

- (a) The term "damage" means loss of life, personal injury or other impairment of health; or loss of or damage to property of States or of persons, natural or juridical, or property of international intergovernmental organisations;
- (b) The term "launching" includes attempted launching;
- (c) The term "launching State" means:
  - (i) a state which launches or procures the launching of a space object;
  - (ii) a State from whose territory or facility a space object is launched;
- (d) The term "space object" includes component parts of a space object as well as its launch vehicle and parts thereof.

**ARTICLE II**

A launching State shall be absolutely liable to pay compensation for damage caused by its space object on the surface of the earth or to aircraft in flight.

**ARTICLE III**

In the event of damage being caused elsewhere than on the surface of the earth to a space object of one launching State or to persons or property on board such a space object by a space object of another launching State, the latter shall be liable