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# **Status of Bilateral and Multilateral Agreements: U.S. Perspectives**

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# Bilateral Efforts and U.S. Priorities

- National Space Policy of 2010 still official U.S. space policy
  - Emphasis on international cooperation and cooperative initiatives
  - Willingness to consider arms control measures for space activities
- Trump administration
  - SPD 1: Reinvigorating America's Human Space Exploration Program
  - SPD-2: Streamlining Regulations on Commercial Use of Space
  - SPD-3: National Space Traffic Management Policy
    - Announce the establishment of a Space Force
- USG officials talk of a changed space domain
- SSA sharing agreements: 16 countries, over 70 commercial partners

# Multilateral Discussions

- Challenging to accurately include all stakeholders because very state-centric
- UN Committee on Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (COPUOS) Long-Term Sustainability Guidelines
  - 87 countries agreed to 21 guidelines
  - U.S. now looking to national implementation
- Space security discussions had been stopped up at the UN level but over the past year, three separate initiatives on-going
  - Subsidiary Body 3 of the UN Conference on Disarmament
  - GGE on further practical measures for the prevention of an armed race in outer space (PAROS)
  - UN Disarmament Commission Working Group 2

- U.S. participation in many efforts examining what constitutes norms of behavior
  - Rules of the road an effective way in which to ensure sustainability of space
- Consortium for Execution of Rendezvous and Servicing Operations
- Global VSAT Forum (GVF)'s "Endorsement of Best Practices for Sustainable Space Activities"
- Hague Space Resources Governance Working Group discussions
- International legal regime for laws of armed conflict is unclear
  - Work proceeding on complementary Manual on International Law Applicable to Military Uses of Outer Space (MILAMOS) and Woomera manuals



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# Questions?

## Thanks.

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