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Ensuring that outer space remains a common good

Non-weaponization and peaceful use of outer space for the benefit and common security of humanity: The role of parliaments

Webinar co-organized by the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) and Parliamentarians for Nuclear Non-proliferation and Disarmament (PNND)

The fifth in a series of international parliamentary events in follow-up to the publication of *Assuring our Common Future*

29 September 2022,

Session 1: Timed for the Asia/Pacific region – 7:00 – 8:30 CET

Session 2: Timed for Africa, Europe and the Americas – 17:00 – 18:30 CET

Outer space is an increasingly important domain for global prosperity and security. Satellites perform an array of services including telecommunications, precision timing, and remote sensing, all of which are key to the functioning of contemporary societies. At the same time, outer space is becoming increasingly important for terrestrial military operations, including through surveillance and communication, and in targeting for military strikes. A number of countries are researching, developing, and testing systems for anti-satellite warfare and other applications of force into or from space. While the [1967 Outer Space Treaty](#) is a key international agreement promoting peaceful activity in outer space, it has limitations and more will be required to meet current space security challenges.

Parliamentary oversight, national regulations and strengthening of international agreements are vital to protect space for our common good. In an evolving context of international tensions, it is vital to ensure that outer space remains free from weaponization and continues to be a realm of scientific breakthroughs, international cooperation, peace, and understanding.

This webinar will focus on the role of parliaments and parliamentarians to protect space for peace and our common heritage. It will draw upon information, recommendations and examples of effective policy from the "[outer space](#)" section of the joint publication "[Assuring our Common Future](#)".

Objectives of the event

1. Increase the awareness of participants on the connections between disarmament, peace, and outer space;
2. Identify opportunities and networks of action that could help parliaments play a more active role in ensuring the peaceful use of outer space;
3. Share 'good parliamentary practices' and effective policies on disarmament in outer space.

The event will take place online. Session 1 will take place in English only and Session 2 in English, French and Spanish via with simultaneous interpretation.

Registration

Session 1: Timed for the Asia/Pacific region – 7:00 CET (English only)

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Session 2: Timed for the Americas/Europe/Africa: 17:00 CET (English with French and Spanish simultaneous interpretation)

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