Questionnaire draft:

Due to the disciplinary, conceptual, terminological and ontological discrepancy of the term ‘Space Architecture’, the SACoS members identified options to replace this term in the professional environment. This goal is to reduce ambiguity, and provide a precise term and definition for the relevant discipline(s). Please provide your opinion as to what should be the intended meaning of such a term. Please also review and select the most suitable option for a term and provide written explanation for your agreement or disagreement with the other terms:

 Question: What should be the intended meaning of the concept of *space architecture*? That is, what idea should a corresponding term communicate? This will inform the formation of a more precise definition.

*Answer here.*

Option A:

Space Architecture

* Disciplinary explanation (discrepancy in this case) – FYI inherently includes HSF
* Ontological explanation (discrepancy in this case)

*Comment here: 300 characters*

Option B:

Aeronautical Architecture

* Disciplinary explanation – FYI inherently does not include HSF
* Ontological explanation

*Comment here: 300 characters*

Option C:

Human Spaceflight Architecture

* Disciplinary explanation – FYI inherently does not include HSF
* Ontological explanation

*Comment here: 300 characters*

Option D:

Spacecraft Architecture (or alternative: Space Vehicle Architecture)

* Disciplinary explanation –
* Ontological & Terminological explanation – the term is intended to connote a scope restricted to spacecraft

Option E:

Astronautical Mission Architecture

* Disciplinary explanation –
* Ontological & Terminological explanation – including the term ‘mission’ arguably provides a wider scope to encompass all aspects of a space mission, including both ground-based and space-based segments, not simply the spacecraft.