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Being a forerunner at the *United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs (UNOOSA)* and the *International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)*, the Oriental Republic of Uruguay has been a signatory for every resolution proposed by the *United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs (UNOOSA)* since 1980 which results as 1 in 1980, 1994, 200, 2002, 2004, 2007, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015, all of which were on the international cooperation in the peaceful uses for outer space and/or the enlargement of the committee on the peaceful uses of outer space. As the year 2016 is coming to an end, the Oriental Republic of Uruguay will support further internationalisation and peaceful uses of outer space by finding a common shared consensus before at *UNOOSA* and *ICAO* when discussing the topics of: *The Environment and Space Activity, The Militarization of Space and International Law and Space Commercialisation.*

## **I. The Environment and Space Activity**

Seeing the amount of activities done by the Oriental Republic of Uruguay concerning the evolution of satellite use in outer space, *The Environment and Space Activity* is a subject that the Oriental Republic of Uruguay feels strongly about. Possessing only 1 satellite in outer space as of 2016, the Republic of Uruguay invites all other state members to realize the impact of international outer space clogging. The Oriental Republic of Uruguay finds that greater presence of satellites reduces their effectiveness and poses too many threats to the environment to be worth it. The Oriental Republic of Uruguay therefore proposes a limit to the amount of launches country to reduce the amount of space debris in the atmosphere as well as reduce extreme cases such as the one where 2 countries possess 2835 satellites between them in the internationally shared outer space.

## **II. The Militarization of Space and International Law**

The Oriental Republic of Uruguay is strictly against *The Militarization of Space and International Law*. “The exploration and use of outer space ... shall be for peaceful purposes and shall be carried out for the benefit and in the interest of all countries, irrespective of their degree of economic or scientific development. ... [The] prevention of an arms race in outer space would avert a grave danger for international peace and security” — *Prevention of an arms race in outer space*, *United Nations General Assembly Resolution, A/RES/55/32, January 2001. (PDF Document)*. Furthermore, the Oriental Republic of Uruguay has signed and will continue to advance the peaceful use of outer space to prevent the creation human battlefields.

## **III. Space Commercialization**

*Space Commercialization* has become a must and an irreplaceable part of our modern society in the eyes of the Oriental Republic of Uruguay. However, it would like to underline the importance of this issue, and recommends all other participating states to do the same, of the international benefit from space commercialization before those of a single country. The Oriental Republic of Uruguay therefore proposes to vote, of regional states, on the launch or the use of high impact satellites to ensure that its use not only beneficial to the launcher, and does not harm the environment.