

Committee: ICAO

Country: Honduras

Honduras has signed but not ratified the Treaty on Principles Governing the Activities of States in the Exploration and Use of Outer Space meaning that the Honduran government as well as the delegate for Honduras has agreed to abide by the treaty but has not completely recognized the agreement. While the nation of Honduras does not have any independent space launching capabilities, Honduras is determined to maintain the integrity, freedom, and safety of outer space; a space that we believe is a gift for all of mankind to hold, and not just a select few of us.

In the past few years, the accumulation of space debris has increased quite significantly, which poses a threat to not only the militarization of space but to the commercial aspect of space as well. Space debris is a serious threat to the stability of the world. Just a single rogue collision could send a mountain of space debris spiraling into orbit potentially causing a cascade effect which would adversely impend our ability to launch proper orbiting satellites, stop space launches. Or worse, blot out the sun's rays from reaching our home. If nothing is done about the menace of space debris than it will continue to plague our earth for many years to come. With space debris suspending the orbit of satellites, it would mean an end to the global commercialization that we enjoy today. Essentials such as shipping and aircraft will be rendered obsolete due to the presence of space junk. If the issue is not solved immediately, there will be severe long lasting repercussions for the entire world, not just a select few countries.

In the unlikely event of a third world war, analysts predict that space will be one of the next battlefields like the air in the world of one. There are only a select few countries that can independently launch satellites into orbit and those countries will have the upper hand over countries like Honduras. While the Honduras and the delegates of Honduras always believe in a peaceful solution to war, if war comes than these countries, especially the United States will be dominant in the aspect. The delegate believes that the United Nations should work to develop a joint solution to the issue by working with other countries to develop space-based counters and contingency plans.

Honduras believes that space commercialization is the next big step in the world of business. The delegate of Honduras believes that cooperation between countries is of the utmost importance to this emerging business. Space tourism should be capitalized upon for more business opportunities. The benefits of science in space are numerous with space being a ground ripe for scientific research. The delegate of Honduras fully supports international efforts for space research and development such as the moon village as well as the international space station. On earth, by day every year our resources grow smaller and smaller every day, a way to solve our hungry resource needs is to look to space for asteroids and other planetary bodies to be mined.

