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JOINT PROPOSAL

by the delegations of Canada, the People's Republic of China, France, Germany, India, Luxembourg, the Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, South Africa and the United States of America

Article XXVI – [Excluded matters]

1.- This Protocol does not affect the exercise by a Contracting State of its authority to grant licences, approvals, permits or authorisations for the launch or operation of space assets or the provision of any service through the use or with the support of space assets.

2.- This Protocol further does not:

(a) render transferable or assignable any licences, approvals, permits or authorisations which, in accordance with the laws and regulations of the granting Contracting State or the contractual or administrative provisions under which they are granted, may not be transferred or assigned; or

(b) limit the right or ability of a Contracting State to grant the right to use orbital positions and frequencies in relation to space assets;

(c) affect the ability of a Contracting State in accordance with its laws and regulations to prohibit, restrict or attach conditions to the placement of command codes and related data and materials pursuant to Article XIX.

3.- Nothing in this Protocol shall be construed so as to require a Contracting State to recognise or enforce an international interest on a space asset when the recognition or enforcement of such interest would conflict with its laws on regulations concerning:

(a) export control for the export of controlled goods, technology, data and services;

(b) the protection of national security interests.