

Report on Study Group 5.10, Policy, Political, Legal and Economic Issues in Active Debris Removal

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The study proposal was submitted in 2010 for approval and finally approved in August 2012. Some portion of the group has met in the March meetings o 2013 and 2014 and at IAC 2013 and IAC2014. After a slow start, we now have a good draft outline and are receiving copy to include in the report. We are meeting at IAC 2014, 12:30-14:30, Rm 703 to discuss the drafts we have and to identify gaps. WE are hoping to be able to have a solid draft before the Spring meetings so we can spend time there discussing and debating crucial issues that may need resolution as we move to a final draft prior to IAC2015.