IAA Study 5.10 Policy, Political, Legal and Economic Issues in Active Debris Removal

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Chapters Outline

Background

- A. The orbital debris problem and why active debris removal (ADR) will help.
- B. On-orbit servicing (OOS) and its relationship to space debris and ADR
- C. Space sustainability as an important goal
- D. Short summary of technical proposals and issues (viz. summary of Debris Remediation Study Study Group 5.5

Outline, cont.

- Chapter 2--Today's Approaches & Outlook
- A. Current approaches to debris remediation
- B. Limits of ADR for remediation
- Chapter 3--Political/Policy Issues
- A. Countries see outer space technology as source of technological development
- B. ADR & OOS can be used as antisatellite weapons
- C. Building transparency & confidence building measures for ADR
- D. Potential contributions by less developed countries

Outline, cont. 3

- Chapter 4: Legal issues
- A. Introduction
- B. Intellectual property issues
- C. What new laws/ agreements (international/domestic) might be needed?

Outline, Cont. 4

- Chapter 5: Economic Issues
- A. Introduction
- B. Questions of risks vs. costs
- C. Insurance, 3rd party liability
- D. OOS as means to ease economic hurdles of ADR
- E. Economic/policy/legal approaches (move to intro?)

- Chapter 6. Conclusions and Recommendations
- A. Conclusions
- B. Practical options for consideration

Status?

- Submissions of partial chapters
- Mostly very early drafts, some are outlined, only
- Informal meeting tomorrow, Formal meeting Wednesday, Oct 1, Room 703.
- Goal: To complete the drafts by 31 December, 2014
- Review, revise drafts, return to authors
- Develop "final" draft for review at March IAC meetings,
 Paris.