### SPACE SECURITY INDEX

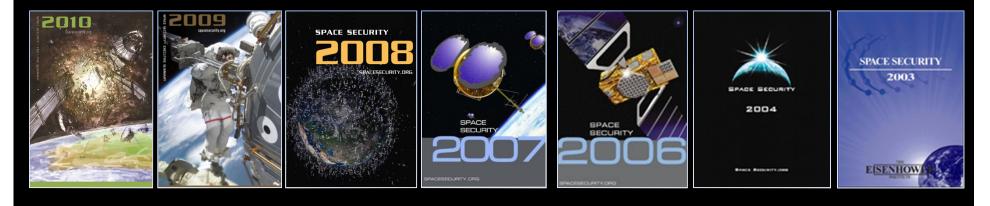
Brussels, 3 November 2011 Cesar Jaramillo - SSI Project Manager



### The Space Security Index



- Annual assessment of trends and developments that affect space security
- Provides objective and fact-based research to promote *transparency and confidence* in space activities
- Supports the development of *policy* to ensure secure access to space for all







"The secure and sustainable access to and use of space, and freedom from space-based threats"

### > Tension:

Space as a *global commons* vs.

Space as a strategic environment for *individual states* 



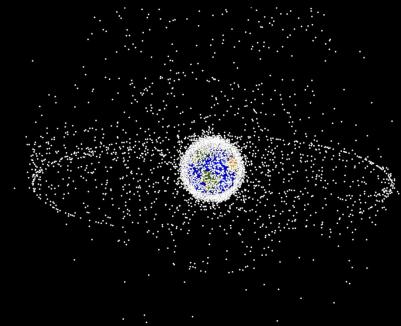
### **Space Security Indicators**

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  - Civil Space Programs and Global Utilities
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  - 6. Space Support for Terrestrial Military Operations
  - 7. Space Systems Resiliency
  - 8. Space Systems Negation



### Areas of concern:

- Operating environment
- Growing number and diversity of actors
- Militarization/ Potential Weaponization of space

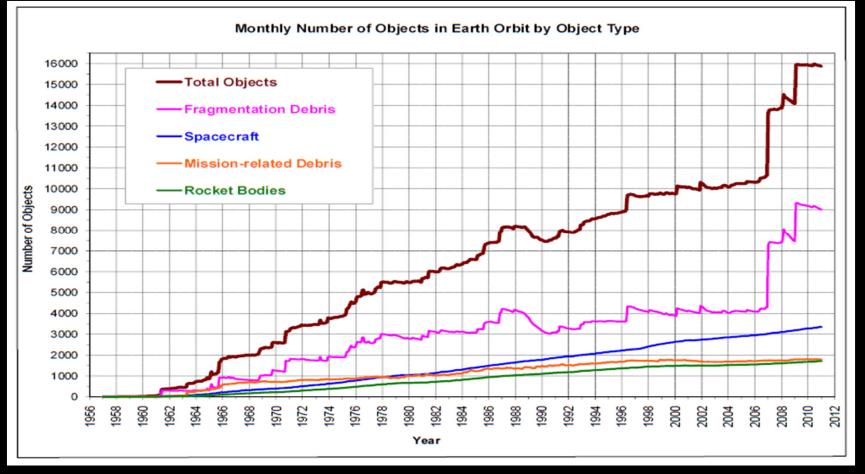




### **The Space Environment**

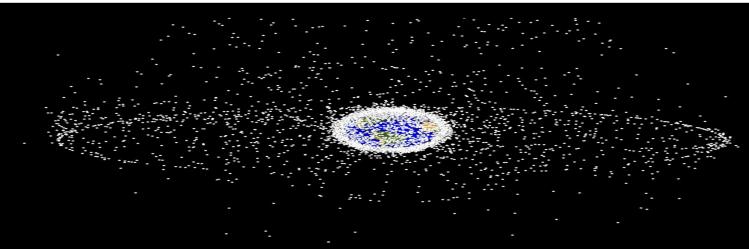
- The Physical Space Environment
- Space Situational Awareness

Image Source: Orbital Debris Quarterly Newsletter, NASA





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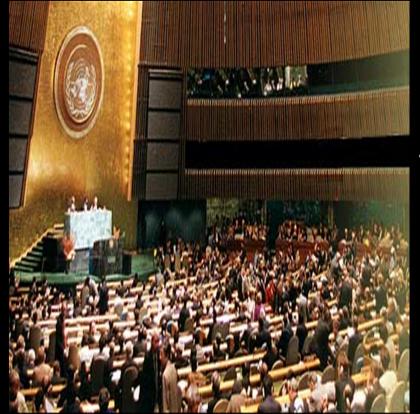


- Trackable space object population increases by more than 5%.
- Compliance with debris mitigating guidelines still inconsistent
- US to expand SSA Sharing program
- Malfunction of Galaxy 15 satellite prompts complex physical and RFI mitigation plans.



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### **The Normative Environment**



### Laws, Policies, and Doctrines

Existing normative architecture for space activities is *outdated* and *insufficient* 

### **Competing Approaches:**

- National vs. Multilateral Legally binding vs. non-binding
- Not necessarily mutually exclusive



### Status quo **OR** immediate prohibition?

### **TCBMs as middle ground:**

Voluntary moratoriumsData sharing





### What is the appropriate forum?

## From the draft final document of the 2011 COPUOS Plenary Session:

24. The view was expressed that the conclusion of PPWT, which had been presented by China and the Russian Federation to the Conference on Disarmament in 2008, would prevent an arms race in outer space.

25. The view was expressed that the Committee had been created exclusively to promote international cooperation with respect to the peaceful uses of outer space and that disarmament issues were more appropriately dealt with in other forums, such as 1<sup>st</sup> Committee and the CD.



### Key proposals:

# Code of Conduct for Outer Space Activities PPWT

### Canada's proposed pledge to:

a. Ban the placement of weapons in space,b. Prohibit the test or use of weapons on satellites so as to damage or destroy them, andc. Prohibit the use of satellites themselves as weapons.

### Space security regime = 1 single instrument?



- Despite initial delay, US Space Posture Review is completed
- Group of Governmental Experts to study TCBMs in space
- Deadlock persists at the CD
- EU Code of Conduct revised and ready for further consultation





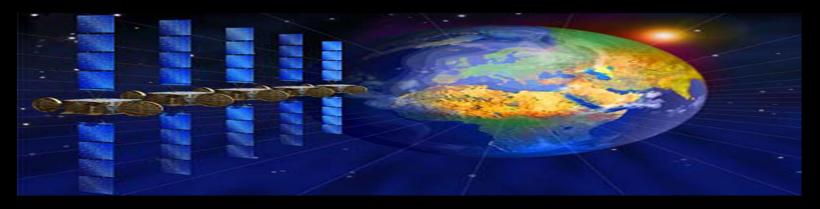
### Number and diversity of space actors

- Access to outer space is growing
- New space actors emerging
- Barriers to entry are sharply decreasing
- But: Limited resources
   (e.g. orbital slots, RF
   spectrum)





- Several countries prepare to launch first satellites
- Space Shuttle retirement
- ISS marks 10 years of continued operations and uninterrupted inhabitancy
- Africa considers creation of African Space Agency

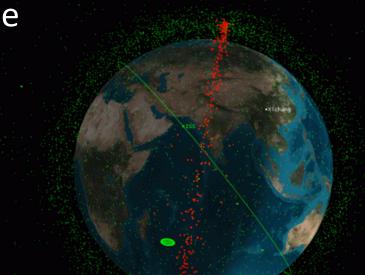




### Militarization vs. Weaponization

### Military uses:

- Reconnaissance
- Surveillance
- Navigation
- Intelligence



But: NO Space-based Space Weapons used to date



Offensive/Defensive space capabilities are NOT ONLY related to systems in orbit

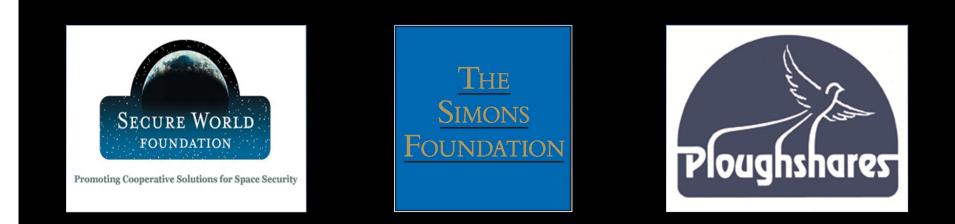
- They include the entire structure of space and terrestrial systems:
- Orbiting satellites
- Space-related terrestrial facilities
- Data and communications links



- Jamming incidents continue to proliferate
- USCYBERCOM reaches full operational capabilities
- Complex rendezvous capabilities continue to be advanced
- Development of ASAT capabilities considered by some countries



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