The five space treaties ensured smooth development of space activities for more than five decades. Given, however, the ongoing process of space commercialization and privatization, these treaties have failed to sufficiently address the new legal issues arising from private and commercial space activities. One pressing issue is the space environment and space debris mitigation. In view of the difficulties in concluding new space treaties, international society relies on the adoption of soft law documents, calling for international cooperation in space activities. This is exemplified by the adoption of documents on space debris mitigation and long-term space sustainability. The development of space law is more diversified with the ongoing space commercialization process; softening of space law is an ongoing trend in view of the diversifying national interests in space activities.
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