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Programme

Opening Remarks & Brief Introduction of Space Law
- **Yuri TAKAYA** (Research Fellow/Lecturer, Kobe University)

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- **Yasushi HORIKAWA** (Technical Councilor, JAXA/Former Chairman of UNCOPUOS)
  "Space and UN: What is UNCOPUOS?"
- **Setsuko AOKI** (Professor, Keio University)
  "Space Law-Making in UNCOPUOS Working Group of International Cooperation"

Session 2: Legal Development in Space Business
- **Yun ZHAO** (Professor, The University of Hong Kong)
  "Legal Aspects of Commercial Space Activities in China"
- **Motoko UCHITOMI** (Manager of Legal Division, JAXA)
  "Draft of Space Activities Act in the Context of Space Business"
- **Philippe ACHILLEAS** (Professor, Paris XI University)
  "Regulating Commercial Space Activities in France"
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- **Dai TAMADA** (Professor, Kobe University)

Preface

Kobe University Graduate School of Law held the Kobe Symposium on Space Law on 18 March 2015, in which I invited several leading scholars and specialists of space law, from Hong Kong, France and Japan. This event was jointly organised by the Situational Training Programme (STP) and the Kobe LL.M. (GMAP in Law Course) with the aim of enhancing academic cooperation among academics and practitioners

in the area of international space law. On this occasion, I could invite Mr. Yasushi HORIKAWA (Technical Councillor, JAXA/Former Chairman of UNCOPUOS), Professor Setsuko AOKI (Keio University), Professor Yun ZHAO (The University of Hong Kong), Ms. Motoko UCHITOMI (Manager of Legal Division, JAXA) and Professor Philippe ACHILLEAS (Paris XI University). The list of speakers clearly shows that space law attracts a lot of interest both in academia and among practitioners, in particular the interests in the civil and peaceful use of space. As we know, many civil technologies, such as GPS, weather satellites, telecommunication satellites, are now used and managed in space. In line with these interests, the symposium focused on the significance and meaning of the activities of UNCOPUOS, which plays the important role of promoting the civil use of space. Thus, the theme of this symposium timely and adequately corresponds to the needs of academia and practitioners.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to my colleague, Dr. Yuri TAKAYA, who helped me in organising this symposium, in particular by planning the programme and assisting with the speakers' accommodation and travel.