

[Tentative Translation]

## On the Inter-Agency Task Force on Space Traffic Management

Adopted on 4 March 2019, by  
Minister of State for Space Policy (Chair);  
Minister of State for Science and Technology  
Policy;  
Minister of Public Management, Home Affairs,  
Posts and Telecommunications;  
Minister of Foreign Affairs;  
Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science  
and Technology;  
Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry;  
Minister of Land, Infrastructure and Transport;  
Minister of Environment; and  
Minister of Defense.

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### **1 Purpose**

The recent rapid progress of space development and utilization and the accompanying increase in the number of space debris in outer space have raised the risk of collisions between space objects such as satellites and space debris, and they have been attracting attention as an international issue that should be called the environmental problem of outer space as they may hinder the sustainable and stable utilization of space in the long run. For this reason, international discussions are rapidly progressing toward rule-making and norm-building regarding space traffic management, with a focus on space debris control and the use of earth orbit in outer space.

In view of this situation, and in light of the trends in international discussions and Japan's response, we are convening the "Inter-Agency Task Force on Space Traffic Management" consisting of relevant ministries and an agency, with the aim of promoting close cooperation and effective action by the relevant ministries and agency

## **2 Missions**

- (a) To collect and share domestic and international information on space traffic management
- (b) To assess the progress of efforts and address issues related to space traffic management
- (c) To study measures to promote effective efforts regarding space traffic management and more

## **3 Organization**

The Task Force consists of a Ministerial Meeting, an Executive Committee and Working Groups.

### **3.1. Ministerial Meeting**

<From the Government>

Minister of State for Space Policy (Chair)

State Minister for Space Policy

Parliamentary Vice-Minister for Space Policy

State Minister for Science and Technology Policy

State Minister of Public Management, Home Affairs, Posts and Telecommunications designated in the Ministry

State Minister of Foreign Affairs designated in the Ministry

State Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology designated in the Ministry

State Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry designated in the Ministry

State Minister of Land, Infrastructure and Transport designated in the Ministry

State Minister of Environment designated in the Ministry

State Minister of Defense

<From the Related Agency>

Administrator, Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA)

### **3.2. Executive Committee**

For flexible operation of the Task Force, the Executive Committee, chaired by the Director-General of the National Space Policy Secretariat of the Cabinet Office may be convened under the Ministerial Meeting.

The Executive Committee Meeting shall be convened by the Director-General of the National Space Policy Secretariat of the Cabinet Office and its members shall be as follows. However, when deemed necessary by a majority of the members, the attendance of other relevant ministries and agencies, private sector operators, etc. may be requested.

Director-General of the National Space Policy Secretariat, Cabinet Office (Chair)  
Directors of the National Space Policy Secretariat, Cabinet Office  
[The specific positions of other directors from the member ministries and agency are omitted here in this translation.]

### **3.3 Working Groups**

Working groups may be convened under the Executive Committee as necessary when the Director-General of the National Space Policy Secretariat of the Cabinet Office deems it particularly necessary in considering measures to promote effective space traffic management efforts.

## **4 Administration**

General affairs of the Task Force shall be handled by the National Space Policy Secretariat of the Cabinet Office, with the cooperation of relevant ministries and agencies.

## **5 Other Matters**

In addition to what is provided in the preceding paragraphs, matters related to the operation of the Task Force and other necessary matters shall be determined by the Chairperson of the Ministerial Meeting.