

**DECREE THROUGH WHICH THE LAW  
THAT CREATES THE MEXICAN  
SPACE AGENCY IS ISSUED<sup>1</sup>**

On the margin a seal with the National Emblem that says:  
United Mexican States. Presidency of the Republic.

**FELIPE DE JESÚS CALDERÓN HINOJOSA**, President  
of the United Mexican States, to its inhabitants let it be known:

That the Honorable Congress of the Union has addressed to  
me the following

**DECREE**

“The General Congress of the United Mexican States  
decrees:

The Law that creates the Mexican Space Agency is issued.

**SINGLE ARTICLE.** The Law that creates the Mexican  
Space Agency is issued.

**CHAPTER I**

**General Dispositions**

**Article 1.** The Mexican Space Agency is created as a decen-  
tralized public organisation with a legal disposition and its own  
property and with technical and managerial autonomy to fulfill  
its mandate, objectives and goals.

The agency will be part of the sector coordinated by the  
Ministry of Communications and Transport. Its legal quarters  
shall be in Mexico City, Distrito Federal, without prejudice to  
establishing offices and conventional quarters in any part of the  
country.

**Article 2.** The Mexican Space Agency shall have the follow-  
ing objectives:

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<sup>1</sup> Decreto por el que se expide la Ley que crea la Agencia Espacial Mexicana [De-  
cree through which the Law that creates the Mexican Space Agency is issued], Diario  
Oficial de la Federación [DO], 30 de Junio de 2010. This is an Unofficial Translation. It  
is offered to the readership of the *Journal of Space Law* as a convenience.

I. To develop and propose to the Minister of the Ministry of Communications and Transport the outlines of Space Policy of Mexico, as well as the National Program of Space Activities;

II. To execute the Space Policy of Mexico, through the development and application of the National Program of Space Activities;

III. To promote the effective development of space activities to expand the country's capabilities in the educational, industrial, scientific and technological fields of space;

IV. To develop the scientific - technological capacity of the country through the articulation of the sectors involved in all fields of space activity that enable their performance within a framework of national autonomy in the matter;

V. To promote the development of space systems and media, technology and infrastructure needed for the consolidation and autonomy of this sector in Mexico;

VI. To facilitate the incorporation of areas related to this policy and in particular the participation of the productive sector in order to gain competitiveness in the market of space goods and services;

VII. To promote active international cooperation through agreements which benefit space activities and allow the active integration of Mexico to the International Space Community;

VIII. To serve as an instrument of governance of the State in this sector, to strengthen sovereignty;

IX. Ensuring national security and interest, through a strategy that integrates scientific and technological knowledge, efficiency, experience and coordination ability among public agencies of the Federal Public Administration;

X. To ensure and preserve public interest and the protection of the population, as fundamentals of the development, security, peace and prevention of national security issues in Mexico,

XI. Receive proposals and comments from the public, private and social agencies in the special area for its study and consideration.

### **Article 3.** Tools of Mexican Space Policy:

I. The selection of technological alternatives to solve national problems;

II. The development of specific solutions for specific problems;

III. The use of information and technology generated in space and related areas that are of interest and for the benefit of the Mexican society;

IV. Negotiations, agreements and international treaties in matters relating to space activities;

V. Research in space and the formation of high-level human resources and infrastructure necessary for that purpose;

VI. The recognition of the importance that development, appropriation and use of scientific knowledge and technological developments associated with space research have to the economy, education, culture and social life;

VII. The academic exchange among national and foreign institutions of scientific and technological research;

VIII. The scientific and technological exchange and collaboration with other space agencies;

IX. The participation of Mexican companies with the technological capability to provide equipment, materials, supplies, and services that its projects or agencies require with which have protocols for exchange and collaboration, and

X. The adequacy of the national productive sector to participate and acquire competitiveness in markets for space goods and services.

**Article 4.** For the fulfillment of its objective, the Agency shall have the following functions:

I. Foster studies and development of scientific and technological research in the field, and priority attention areas as defined in the National Program of Space Activities;

II. Establish and develop activities to link with national academic, technological and professional institutions, dedicated to studies of specialties related to the subject;

III. Promote the development of space activities to expand the capabilities of the country, in this area as well as in the aviation industry, telecommunications and all its applications related to space science and technology;

IV. Support the adequacy of the sectors related to space policy, particularly the productive, so that it is incorporated and

participates competitively in the markets for space goods and services;

V. Promote training, the rapprochement and collaboration among institutions, national public and private agencies, foreign or international, that carry out activities in space, as well as the development of space systems and media, technology, infrastructure and training of human resources required for the consolidation and autonomy of this sector in Mexico;

VI. Promote the signing of international bilateral and multilateral treaties, and to advise the Federal Government on the implementation of same, as well as on the interpretation of relevant international texts;

VII. Design strategies and tools for the development of knowledge, dissemination and application of science and technologies associated with space research, in coordination with units of the three orders of government, as well as with the instances of private initiative and interested civil society organizations;

VIII. Define and promote programs, projects and actions to strengthen the knowledge and development of space research, its influence on everyday life and its potential as a factor in economic development;

IX. Promote research through institutions of basic and applied research and/or specialized firms, as well as the dissemination of their results and applications.

X. Conduct research, works, expert work and issue technical, scientific and legal opinions on the subject;

XI. Promote the training of specialists in space and its related disciplines, by linking activities and bachelor's degree, postgraduate studies and graduate programs and specialization courses, updating and training;

XII. Formulate and carry out educational projects of dissemination on the subject, as well as develop and promote the production of materials for diffusion;

XIII. Create and operate a system of information and consultation on the matter; maintain the national registry of activities and promote the development and formal space education, as well as the dissemination of studies on space research, and

XIV. Others that are derived from legal and administrative systems applicable to the subject

**Article 5.** These are functions of the Mexican Space Agency:

I. Coordinate the development of standardization, accreditation and certification systems in the field, in collaboration with the public agencies and competent foreign and international organizations;

II. Disseminate the provisions of the Constitution, this Law and the international treaties ratified by Mexico on the matter, in order to take advantage of development opportunities that will enable the latter and to issue to the three levels of government, recommendations pertinent to its development and utilization;

III. Promote and support the creation and operation of related bodies in the states and municipalities, in accordance with the laws applicable in federal entities and, according to their realities, needs and capacities of involvement in projects;

IV. Formulation of the National Program of Space Activities, to manage and implement the budget necessary for realization of its goals, as well as to seek alternative sources of funding;

V. Advise and resolve queries posed by institutions and organizations of different levels and arms of government, on problems relating to concessions, permits and authorizations for the use, development and technological applications in outer space;

VI. Perform scientific events and technology in space, where members of the Agency and invited national and foreign specialists participate;

VII. Propose the designation of representatives of the country to the international bodies in space of which Mexico is a part and establish the national position based on its competence;

VIII. Carry out and participate in actions and scientific and technological space events, in order to increase the national scientific technical competence and

IX. Carry out all the other similar acts that involve the realization of its functions.

**CHAPTER II**  
**Organization and Operation**

**Article 6.** The Agency will have the following bodies of administration and government:

- I. Board of Governors;
- II. General Direction;
- III. Supervising Body and
- IV. Technical and administrative structures to be established in the Ordinary Statute

**Article 7.** The Board of Governors of the Space Agency Mexican will comprise 15 members, which will be:

- I. The Minister of Communications and Transport, who shall preside over it;
- II. A representative of the Ministry of Home Affairs that must have a level of assistant secretary;
- III. A representative of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs that must have the level of assistant secretary;
- IV. A representative of the Ministry of Public Education that must have the level of assistant secretary;
- V. A representative of the Ministry of Finance and Public Credit that must have the level of assistant secretary;
- VI. A representative of the Ministry of National Defense that must have the level of assistant secretary;
- VII. A representative of the Naval Ministry that must have the level of assistant secretary;
- VIII. The head of the National Council of Science and Technology;
- IX. The Rector of the National Autonomous University of Mexico;
- X. The Director General of the National Polytechnic Institute;
- XI. The President of the Mexican Academy of Sciences;
- XII. The President of the Academy of Engineering;
- XIII. The President of the National Academy of Medicine;
- XIV. A representative of the National Association of Universities and Institutions of Higher Education, and