

Goode's work begins with a painstakingly detailed table of both the convention and space protocol articles. The table contains each article in chronological order, its subject matter, which sections include its commentary and review, and which other articles are directly associated with it. Combined with its chronological chapter headings and wonderfully accurate descriptions, this table immediately equips readers with an invaluable tool for quick and efficient identification of specific material for in-depth study of the convention/protocol.

In order to help initiate readers to the complexities of the Convention and its protocols, Goode next provides a pointed history of the convention's decades-long formation, detailing the events leading to its earliest developments, specific working groups, sister documents, and ratifications. For any student of the Convention, this historical background provides a helpful understanding of the Convention's past, present, purpose, and applicability in international law.

The subsequent Review sections—for both the convention and the space protocol – provide readers with a comprehensive subject-by-subject analysis of the entire body of work. Goode's conversational approach and descriptive language is both refreshingly professional and vividly clear, introducing readers to foundational aspects of the Convention/Protocol, including its underlying principles, proper interpretation, definitions, sphere of application, and everything from appropriate procedures to priority of competing assignments. These sections not only provide insight into the broad meaning of the treaty language, but also reveal to readers the context and background of each individual subject matter. In essence, one not only sees the stone, but the mountain from which it was cut, and how it was transported from the quarry.

For example, Goode's review section of the space protocol brilliantly informs readers by first introducing them to distinctive features of space financing, its major sources of law, and the influence of earlier protocols. Next, it tapers the funnel further by explaining to which assets the convention is meant to apply and what its proper application looks like in practice.

The commentary sections continue to laser focus, taking apart both the treaty and the space protocol one article at a time in careful

detail, providing explanations and interpretations for both the articles as a whole and their specific wording. The commentary is crafted in a way that is accessible to both experts and neophytes. If the review sections provide a context for the stone, Goode's commentary analyzes the different grains, textures, and sediments that make up the stone itself.

Seeing as both the Convention and its space protocol have been ratified by over fifty countries, and "recognizing the continuing development of the international commercial space industry and contemplating the expected benefits of a uniform and predictable regime governing interests in space assets and in related rights and facilitating asset-based financing of the same," it becomes paramount that the contents of the convention and the space protocol are approachable by students, industry denizens, and lawmakers alike. Goode's commentary effectively satisfies this need, creating a portal through which readers may explore the convention with ease and efficiency. Not to mention, the appendices contain the convention and the space protocol, as well as a comprehensive list of additional documents related to its formation, development, and application. As a whole, this commentary is an invaluable resource for students of international law, space law, and those who have either monetary or intellectual interests in mobile equipment from around the globe and beyond.

One is hard pressed to find an aspect in which Goode's commentary falls short in either scope or substance. Indeed, it will surely stand as a pillar—if not the foundation—of study for the Convention/Space Protocol for many years to come. Scholars wishing to make substantial contributions to the analysis and interpretation of the Convention certainly have their work cut out for them in light of Goode's accomplishment. His commentary is an essential addition to any library concerned with international law, space law, finance, or mobile equipment.

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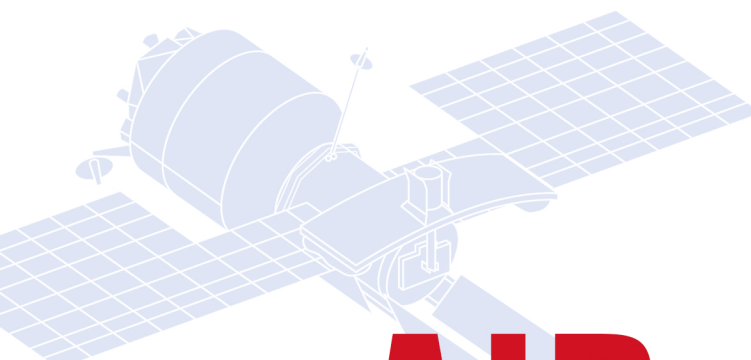
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