



THE 2016 MANFRED LACHS SPACE LAW MOOT COURT COMPETITION

INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE

**Case Concerning Space Debris, Commercial Spaceflight Services
and Liability**

THE REPUBLIC OF BANCHÉ

(APPLICANT)

V

THE REPUBLIC OF RASTALIA

(RESPONDENT)

RESPONSES TO REQUESTS FOR CLARIFICATIONS



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1. Do official records show that Commander Borsch requested political asylum from Rastalia?

Response: Further clarification is declined

2. What is the area of lake Taipo and/or its surrounding areas?

Response: Further clarification is declined

3. At any point, was sensitive information about Lavotto-1 (the composite structural material and left over fuel) discussed between Rastalia and Banché and could Banché have performed a collision avoidance manoeuvre on MIRA?

Response: Further clarification is declined

4. Who was the authority consulted by Commander Borsch before firing the GODA and what communications, if any, did Banché have with Rastalia confirming the actual presence or absence of a nuclear power source in the GODA?

Response: Further clarification is declined

5. Is IRNO recognized by Banche and Rastalia as a credible source of information?

Response: Further clarification is declined

6. Is 'Disaster Management' confined to Earth alone? (Para 6)

Response: Further clarification is declined



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7. What is the exact nature/type of solar storm?

Response: Further clarification is declined

8. Are Jardon Tech. Co. Ltd. and Solare Travel Services Ld. public or private companies?

Response: They are private companies.

9. Did the remaining piece of Lavotto-1 pose a greater collision risk to the Mira Space Station, Couleur and other space objects or was the collision risk the same as before the satellite removing system was employed?

Response: Further clarification is declined

10. Prior to the attempted removal of Lavotto-1 from its orbit, was Banché aware of Lavotto-1's properties, i.e. (a) the resistance of the composite structural material and (b) the existence of the propellant on-board?

Response: Further clarification is declined

11. Were the Mira space station and the Couleur spacecraft registered with the UN by Banché?

Response: They were registered strictly in compliance with the Registration Convention.

12. Was the Mira space station manned or unmanned?

Response: It is manned.

13. Were there any other space objects in the lower Earth orbit that were damaged by the solar wind storm?

Response: Further clarification is declined



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14. Was the decision to activate the GODA system taken without consultation of the Rastalian government, and was the Rastalian government unaware of the existence of such device prior to its use during the recovery mission?

Response: The decision was taken without consultation of the Rastalian government; the Rastalian government was unaware of the existence of such device prior to its use during the recovery mission.

15. What is the exact meaning of the word “rare” in paragraph 8 (solar windstorm), rare in frequency or rare in intensity?

Response: Further clarification is declined

16. Was there any reaction on behalf of Rastalia to the declaration signed by Commander Borsch requesting political asylum, which was leaked to the Mosolian press and published by it?

Response: Further clarification is declined

17. Did the Rastalia government make any notifications towards the Banché government, UN Secretary-General or a public announcement with regard to the emergency landing in its territory?

Response: Further clarification is declined

18. Was the spacecraft Couleur and its crew members the only solution for removing Lavotto-1 and were there any other possibilities taken into consideration by Banché?

Response: Further clarification is declined

19. What is the nature of the special order (paragraph 4) which was issued by Banché (as it seems from the facts it is part of the national legislation, however it is not entirely clear whether this order is of public nature and easily accessible to everyone or whether it is of internal nature and therefore not accessible to the public)?

Response: It is part of the national legislation.



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20. Which State or non-governmental entity was operating or controlling the flight control center on the ground discussed in paragraph 15?

Response: Banché is the State operating or controlling the flight control center.

21. Was the Mira Space Station maneuverable and if so, by whom?

Response: Further clarification is declined

22. Does the Global-Orbiting Deflection Apparatus (GODA) or other Laser Satellite Removal Systems require the use of nuclear power?

Response: Further clarification is declined

23. What were the specific protocols and strategies utilized by Jardon in its attempt to alter Lavotto-1's orbit? That is, did the attempt follow customary orbit alteration procedures?

Response: Further clarification is declined

24. What treaties are Mosolia a State Party to?

Response: Further clarification is declined

25. Has Rastalia or Banché signed or ratified the International Convention on Salvage?

Response: Further clarification is declined

26. The second (2nd) line of section #16 reads, "Station keeping thruster propellant still on-board Lavotto-1 exploded . . ." Please clarify whether any words intended to be in this sentence are missing.

Response: No.



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27. Is the GODA laser a nuclear-powered device?

Response: Further clarification is declined

28. Whether Mr. Thomas's death was caused by debris from the shell of the ship or the collapse of the building.

Response: It was caused by the collapse of the building.

29. In which scientific field did Ms. Paula win the national science and technology award for?

Response: Further clarification is declined