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Dear Prof. Filippov,

On behalf of the International Institute of Space Law (IISL) – the leading international nongovernmental organization dedicated to fostering the development of space law worldwide – I would like to extend my sincere congratulations to RUDN University on the occasion of its sixtieth anniversary.

Since its establishment in 1960, RUDN University has prepared hundreds of thousands of well-qualified professionals serving their countries in various fields, including international law and space law in particular. Experts of your university have made a significant contribution to the emergence and the development of space law at both domestic and international levels. Such well-known Soviet and Russian space lawyers, and concurrently active members of the IISL, as Alexander Piradov, Vladlen Vereschetin, and Gennady Zhukov taught in the Department of International Law of RUDN University. I am glad that today strong attention continues to be given to the study of legal and policy aspects of the exploration and use of outer space.

In 2017, RUDN University became the first Institutional Member of the IISL from Russia and a number of teachers and students from your university have joined the IISL as Individual and Prospective Members. Since the same year, annual all-Russian meetings of the IISL have been traditionally held at RUDN University which unites, within its walls, space enthusiasts from different Russian cities and other countries. Every year, the Department of International Law gathers and coaches a student team that represents RUDN University at the Manfred Lachs Space Law Moot Court Competition – the global student contest in the field of space law. All the above confirms that nowadays RUDN University is truly one of the leading educational institutions that prepare young space law experts.

I would like to wish RUDN University all the success and prosperity for many years to come. I am confident that the cooperation between our organizations will only expand and our experts will contribute to ensuring the rule of law in outer space and its preservation for future generations.

Yours sincerely,

Prof. Dr. Kai-Uwe Schrogl
President, IISL

