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With increased awareness of and concern for economic, political and security matters, both developed and developing nations are searching for a set of internationally approved principles governing remote sensing from outer space. This Article explores the burgeoning conflict between the advanced sensing nations and the nations sensed from outer space. The historical development of various proposed principles submitted to the Legal Sub-Committee of COPUOS is presented. Also, an article-by-article assessment of the principles promulgated by Mexico is detailed. A comparison with previously submitted principles reveals Mexico's desire to constrain sensing activities in order to ensure that sensed States are not prejudiced.

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This Article analyzes legal issues that have emerged from the conflict between remote sensing and national sovereignty over natural resources. The major emphasis is on the question of open dissemination of remotely sensed data. Both internal and external factors leading to Mexico's position on remote sensing are discussed. Mexico's intense feelings of nationalism and its concern about national sovereignty have largely determined its foreign policy position on remote sensing. The use of the "Common Heritage of Mankind" principle and the desire of Third World nations to reduce the political and economic disparity among all States suggest that open dissemination would enhance State management of natural resources.

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