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This is the foundation of one of the big challenges to space debris remediation - even if a satellite breaks up into dangerous pieces, technically the country of registration still owns all those pieces. The Outer Space Treaty and Registration Convention requires the state of registry to maintain jurisdiction and control over their registered space objects and states are not allowed to handle and/or manipulate the space objects of another state. But what happens if control is lost? Do other countries have the right to mitigate potential dangers? Find out this and more today at IEEE Tech Talk.

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