

# If space debris remediation becomes feasible, how will its cost be shared and under which conditions?

1. Space debris is a **serious emergency** and need to be tackled by States.
2. Remediation (curative) is **no substitute** for mitigation (preventive). Both should be coupled from political, economic (and sometimes technical) points of view.
3. Effectiveness at the cheapest cost: remediation/mitigation modes should remain **proportionated** to the project/mission.
4. No disruption of competition, no impact on competitiveness: solutions must be **globally applicable**.
5. If remediation takes the form of a political recommendation with reference to technical standards, how to ensure they will be **applied by all operators or projects**?
6. If remediation takes the form of a **legal obligation** (possibly through Articles VI, VII or VIII OST), solutions must be fairly and equitably available to all operators or projects.
7. If remediation takes the form of **commercial services**, they must be fairly and equitably available to all operators or projects.
8. Competition between such services would be welcome but making sure that **basic standards** are applied by all service providers.
9. Wishful thinking? Liability for fault under Article IV of the Liability Convention should be replaced by either an objective (with limited amount) liability or a **waiver of liability** between States participating in space debris mitigation and/or remediation compliance programs.