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Blue-sky thinking? Petition in Ukraine to tax Russian satellites for fly-overs

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If Moscow doesn't pay, the satellites should be taken down for "illegal trafficking."

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*"Charge for Russia's space orbital vehicles flying over Ukraine's territory. If payment is refused, the property should be busted and destroyed for illegal trafficking,"* reads the [petition](#) filed by Maksim Kovalevich on Monday.

In the event the petition collects 25,000 signatures within a three-month period (92 days), it will be sent to the president for consideration. This would not guarantee, however, that it would make it into a draft proposal.

So far the petition has only gained six signatures, but it still has 91 days to go.

Dmitry Rogozin, Russia's vice-prime minister in charge of the military industry, has made a Twitter post in which he suggested using good old-fashioned methods to counter Russia's 'untaxed operations' in space.

*"Ukraine discusses shooting down fly-by Roscosmos [Russian state space corporation] satellites. I guess all of the National Guards are going to pull the sling?"*

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