Art.1.
The present law applies in cases of damage caused by space objects launched by foreign States which are party to the Convention on International Liability for Damage caused by Space Objects, signed in London, Moscow and Washington 29 March 1972, and which will be referred to as the Convention in the following provisions.

For the purposes of the present law the definitions contained in Article 1 of the Convention apply.

Art.2.
Italian persons, natural and juridical, can obtain compensation from the Italian State for the damage indicated in Article 1 to the extent which the Italian State has requested and obtained, in accordance with Article VIII, n. 1 of the Convention, compensation from the launching State for damage caused to them.

In the case that the Italian State has not presented a request under Article VIII, n.1, of the Convention, it has an obligation to compensate those persons indicated in the first clause for damage suffered, as long as the State on whose territory the damage occurred or the State in which the aforementioned persons are permanent residents have not requested and obtained compensation for the same damage from the launching State in accordance with respectively Article VIII, n. 2 or n. 3 of the Convention.

Natural and juridical persons can obtain from the Italian State compensation for damage stated in Article 1 when and in the measure which the Italian State requested and obtained the compensation for said damage from the launching State following Article VIII, n. 2 or n. 3, of the Convention.

Art.3.
The Italian State has the obligation to compensate natural and juridical Italians for the damage indicated in Article 1 even when it has formulated a request under Article VIII, n. 1 of the Convention but that request remains unsatisfied.

Art.4.
Persons may, under Article 2, request compensation for damage from the Italian State within five years following the date on which the damage occurred or of the date on which the effects of that damage are exhausted.
Art.5.
The responsibility of the Italian State towards those persons indicated in Articles 2 and 3 for the damage indicated in Article 1 is absolute in nature and does not admit exoneration.

In the cases provided in Article 2, clause 2 and in Article 3 the level of compensation is established in accordance with Articles 2056, 1223, and 1226 of the Civil Code and the victim may request restitution under the terms of Article 2058 of the Civil Code.

Art.6.
The provisions of the preceding Articles are not applicable in the case that the persons damaged by a space object have made direct representation to the courts or administrative bodies of a launching State seeking compensation for damage caused by a space object.