

Intersessional meeting of the Working group on the “Space2030” agenda of the Committee on the Peaceful uses of Outer Space

Information summary and way forward

1. In accordance with the decision of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space at its sixty-first session, held from 20-29 June 2018, the newly established Working Group on the “Space2030” of the Committee, held intersessional consultations from 8-12 October 2018 in Vienna. (A/73/20, paras. 358-364).

2. The intersessional consultations were chaired by the two Vice-Chairs of the Working Group, namely Maria Assunta Accili Sabbatini (Italy) and Dumitru-Dorin Prunariu (Romania), and assisted by the Secretariat.

3. The Working Group has been informed on the nomination by the Group 77 and China of the Chair of the Working Group, Mr. Awni Mohammad Khasawneh (Jordan).

4. The Chair and the two Vice-chairs constitute the Bureau of the Working Group.

5. The Working Group had before it and agreed upon the following agenda items:

1. Adoption of the agenda

2. Workplan and method of work of the Working Group on a “Space2030” agenda

3. Exchange of ideas on possible elements for a first outline of a "Space2030" agenda and implementation plan

4. Any other business

6. The Working Group established at these intersessional consultations its workplan and method of work, in accordance with the decision of the Committee (A/73/20, para.361), which has been made available on a dedicated webpage of the Working Group and shared through the List of Focal points, appointed by States, members of the Committee (see Annex).

7. The Working Groups exchanged ideas on possible elements for a draft structure of a “Space2030” agenda and its implementation plan.

8. Way forward:

a) Based on the ideas exchanged during the intersessional consultations, the Bureau will prepare a first draft structure of a “Space2030” agenda. This will be shared through the List of Focal points, appointed by the States members of the Committee as well as through an information circular sent by the Secretariat to the States members of the Committee (since not all have yet appointed their focal points) **by 15 November 2018.**

b) States members of the Committee will be invited to provide inputs and comments to the Bureau’s proposal by **30 November 2018.**

c) Based on these inputs, the Bureau, together with the Secretariat, will prepare a consolidated version of a draft structure of a “Space2030” agenda and its implementation plan (i.e. zero draft) and submit it for processing into all official United Nations languages by **14 December 2018.**

d) The first draft structure of a “Space2030” agenda and its implementation plan (zero draft) will be made available ahead of the 56th session of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee, in the week from **21 January 2019**, and will be posted on the Working Group’s webpage as well as distributed through the List of Focal Points.

9. States members of the Committee, who have not yet done so, are invited to assign points of contact for the working group and communicate their names to the Secretary of the Working groups.

10. A dedicated webpage for the Working Group with reference documents can be found on the website of the Office for Outer Space Affairs at:

<http://www.unoosa.org/oosa/en/ourwork/copuos/working-groups.html>

Annex:

Method of work for the Working group on the “Space2030” agenda of the Committee on the Peaceful uses of Outer Space under new agenda item “Space2030’ agenda”

Introduction

1. In accordance with the decision of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space at its sixty-first session, held from 20-29 June 2018, the Working Group on the “Space2030” agenda has been established under a new agenda item of the Committee entitled “Space2030’ agenda” that will remain on the Committee’s agenda until the sixty-third session of the Committee, in 2020.

2. The Working Group on the “Space2030” agenda is chaired by the Bureau, comprising the Chairperson, Mr. Awni Mohammad Khasawneh (Jordan) and the two Vice-Chairs, namely Maria Assunta Accili Sabbatini (Italy) and Dumitru-Dorin Prunariu (Romania), and is assisted by the Secretariat.

3. The Working Group on the “Space2030” agenda will develop a “Space2030” agenda and its implementation plan, based on the mandate deriving from the draft resolution entitled “Fiftieth anniversary of the first United Nations Conference on the Exploration and Peaceful Uses of Outer Space: space as a driver of sustainable development”, document A/AC.105/L.313 [to be replaced by the GA RES number once approved]

Method of Work:

4. The Working Group on the “Space2030” agenda reports to the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space.

5. The meetings of the Working Group are guided by the rules of procedure, methods of work and established practices related to the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space. The Working Group takes decisions by consensus.

6. The Working Group will meet with interpretation services during the sessions of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space as well as during the sessions of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee and Legal Subcommittee in 2019 and 2020. The Working Group may hold informal consultations on the margins of the sessions. The Working Group may also decide to meet intersessionally in Vienna, as necessary, to advance its work.

7. The Working Group will engage with permanent observers of the Committee in accordance with rules of procedure, methods of work and established practices related to the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space.

8. The Working Group will take advantage of electronic communication via the List of Focal Points of the Working Group to share information, and of a dedicated Working Group's webpage on the website of the Office for Outer Space Affairs.

9. The Bureau of the Working Group will liaise with the Chairs of relevant working- and expert groups of the two Subcommittees in a transparent manner, with a view to creating synergies and avoiding duplication of efforts, and with the overall objective of developing a "Space2030" agenda and implementation plan and inform the Working Group accordingly.

Workplan (2018-2020)

2018

(a) The Working Group will establish its method of work and workplan at its intersessional meeting.

(b) The Working Group will exchange ideas on possible elements for a draft structure of a "Space2030" agenda and its implementation plan. The Bureau will prepare a draft structure of a "Space2030" agenda, based on the ideas exchanged in the intersessional meeting and any further consultations with member States of the Committee. This document will be used as the starting point for negotiations of the Working Group in 2019, including the Agenda's implementation plan, and will be made available in all official United Nations languages in advance of the fifty-sixth session of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee.

2019

(a) The Working Group will consider the draft structure of a "Space2030" agenda and its implementation plan with a view to finalizing it by the end of the fifty-sixth session of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee.

(b) The Working Group will start developing a draft "Space2030" agenda and its implementation plan and will submit a consolidated draft "Space2030" agenda and its implementation plan to the sixty-second session of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space.

(c) The Working Group may hold intersessional meetings, as necessary, to advance its work.

2020

(a) The Working Group will continue to consider and consolidate draft "Space2030" agenda and implementation plan during the sessions of the two subcommittees, the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee, and the Legal Subcommittee, to be held in 2020.

(b) The Working Group may hold intersessional meetings, as necessary, to advance its work.

(c) A final consolidated draft of "Space2030" agenda and its implementation plan is to be presented to the Committee at its sixty-third session, in 2020, for its consideration and action, to be submitted to the General Assembly at its seventy-fifth session in 2020.