

**Proposal submitted by China on Composition and Election of the Bureau of the Working Group on the Long-term Sustainability of Outer Space Activities (LTS2.0 Working Group)**

1. Recalling that the Committee on the Peaceful Use of Outer Space(COPUOS) at its 62<sup>nd</sup> session:

(1) decided to establish a working group under the agenda item on the long-term sustainability of outer space activities of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee(STSC),

(2) agreed to elect the Bureau of the working group at the beginning of the fifty-seventh session of STSC,and

(3) further agreed that the bureau of the working group would lead the work of the working group...with a view towards the development of the working group's: (a) terms of reference; (b) methods of work; and (c) workplan,

China proposes that Member States at this stage focus on building consensus on the composition of the Bureau of LTS2.0 Working Group, aiming at electing the Bureau at the beginning of the fifty-eighth session of STSC.

2. China welcomes the nominations made by Member States for candidature of the Bureau membership and appreciated the active participation of four nominees in the informal consultation process. China believes a nimble and efficient setting of the Bureau, composed of one Chair supported by one vice-Chair, would serve best the LTS2.0 Working Group, and encourages the nominating Member States to show flexibility in reaching agreement on the composition and membership of the Bureau.

3. In addition to leadership and capabilities, China acknowledges geographical distribution and special needs of developing and emerging space faring countries are important considerations in selecting members of the Bureau, and agrees that if the Chair of the working group is from developed countries, the vice-Chair should come from developing and emerging space faring countries.