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## **INVITATION CIRCULAR**

## BRIEFING FOR PERMANENT MISSIONS

ON THE SIXTY-FIRST SESSION OF COPUOS INCLUDING
UNISPACE+50 HIGH-LEVEL SEGMENT

Wednesday, 30 May 2018 3.00 p.m. Vienna International Centre Building "C", Room C3, 7<sup>th</sup> floor

The United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs (UNOOSA) is inviting the Permanent Missions to the United Nations (Vienna) to a briefing in connection with the preparations for the forthcoming sixty-first session of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, including the UNISPACE+50 high-level segment, which is scheduled at the Vienna International Centre from 20-29 June 2018. During the briefing, the Secretariat will also respond to any questions that may arise with respect to the organization of the session.

The briefing will take place at **3.00 p.m. on Wednesday**, **30 May 2018 in Conference Room 3**, on the 7th floor of Building "C" (Rotunda building) at the Vienna International Centre.

For attention to all Permanent Missions (Geneva, New York, Vienna):

1) Pre-printing of badges: With regard to the registration of delegations and identification badges to the Committee session, including the UNISPACE+50 high-level segment on 20-21 June open to all Member States of the United Nations, pre-printing of the badges can be arranged if Permanent Missions send information on their delegates by *Monday*, 11 June 2018, in electronic word version and providing an e-mail address for each of the delegates. If this information is provided, participants would be able to upload their pictures to the system. The photos should be JPG format and the size 2 x 2 inches (5 x 5 cm). The Secretariat highly recommends Permanent Missions to submit this information as soon as practicable and in advance of the deadline stipulated above to e-mail: oosa@un.org.

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2) Registration of delegations: Accredited delegations will be provided with identification badges for

the period 18-29 June, covering the UNISPACE+50 symposium on 18-19 June, the

UNISPACE+50 high-level segment open to all Member States on 20-12 June, and the regular

session of the Committee 22-29 June. Member States of the United Nations not members of the

Committee who wish to attend as observer the regular session of the Committee 22-29 June are

asked to make that request in their accreditations. The Secretariat would appreciate receiving

formal accreditations as soon as possible and no later than Thursday 14 June 2018.

3) List of speakers for the UNISPACE+50 High-level segment: As communicated in the Note verbale

(OOSA/2018/10 CU 2018/174(A)/OOSA/CPLA) dated 11 May 2018, a list of speakers for the

UNISPACE+50 high-level segment 20-21 June will be drawn up in advance of the sessions in line

with the practices of the United Nations General Assembly. A provisional list of speakers will be

made available on the 2018 COPUOS webpage on Thursday 14 June 2018 for information. The

Office for Outer Space Affairs would therefore be grateful for delegations wishing to deliver

statements during the high-level segment 20-21 June to inscribe themselves on the speakers list

by communicating, as soon as possible, and preferably no later than **Thursday 14 June 2018** at

1.00 p.m., the <u>name and rank</u> of their speaker to the Office for Outer Space Affairs via email:

oosa@un.org.

4) Duration of statements during the UNISPACE+50 high-level segment 20-21 June: Please note that

the statements delivered during the high-level segment would be limited to 5 - 7 minutes.

24 May 2018

TO ALL PERMANENT MISSIONS OF MEMBER STATES

TO THE UNITED NATIONS (VIENNA, GENEVA, NEW YORK)