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INTERSESSIONAL MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON "Space2030" AGENDA OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE PEACEFUL USES OF OUTER SPACE

8-12 October 2018 Vienna International Centre

The United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs of the Secretariat has the honour to inform States members of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (COPUOS) that pursuant to the decision by the Committee at its sixty-first session in 2018, there will be an intersessional meeting of a newly established Working Group on a "Space2030" agenda (A/73/20, paras. 359-363).

The Committee agreed that in view of 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", contained in <u>A/AC.105/L.313</u>, endorsed by the Committee, the Committee decided to include on its agenda a new item entitled "Space2030' agenda", to remain on the Committee's agenda until the sixty-third session of the Committee, in 2020.

The Committee agreed on the establishment of a working group under that item under the chairmanship of a representative of the Group of 77 and China. The Committee also agreed that the working group would have two Vice-Chairs, namely Maria Assunta Accili Sabbatini (Italy) and Dumitru-Dorin Prunariu (Romania).

The intersessional meeting will take place from **8 to 12 October 2018** at the <u>Vienna International</u> <u>Centre</u>, in <u>Conference Room 3</u> of "C" Building (on 8-9 October) and in <u>Conference Room 4</u> of the "C" Building (10-12 October).

The meeting will start on **Monday 8 October at 10.00 a.m in Conference Room 3**. All States members of the Committee are invited to the meeting. The Committee further agreed that the working group would establish its workplan and method of work at those intersessional consultations.

The Office for Outer Space Affairs hereby has the honour to extend an invitation to States members of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space to participate in the intersessional meeting.

[[[AddressLine1]]] [[[City]]], [[[CountryAddressName]]] In accordance with the decision by the Committee, the Office for Outer Space Affairs also invites States members of the Committee to assign points of contact for the working group. Their names should be communicated to the Office for Outer Space Affairs of the Secretariat, to Ms. Romana Kofler (romana.kofler@un.org).

Further information, including on nomination of the Chair of the Working Group and tentative agenda of the meeting will be communicated to States members of the Committee closer to date of the intersessional meeting.

A dedicated webpage has been created for the Working Group at: <u>http://www.unoosa.org/oosa/en/ourwork/copuos/working-groups.html</u>

For the purpose of issuing grounds passes for participants, other than from Permanent Missions at Vienna, the Office for Outer Space Affairs requests that the full names and contact details of participants planning to attend the meeting be conveyed to Mr. Kurian Maniyanipurathu (kurian.maniyanipurathu@un.org) and Mr. Christopher Sto. Domingo (christopher.sto.domingo@un.org) by no later than 2 October 2018.

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