Non-paper by the Chair of the Informal Consultations on LTS, South Africa

Draft report language for consideration by delegations

1. The Committee adopted the preamble and 21 guidelines on the long-term sustainability of outer space activities, as contained in A/AC.105/L.366, and requested the Secretariat to re-issue that document as an annex to the report of the Committee at its sixty-second session. The Committee encourages States and international intergovernmental organizations to voluntarily take measures to ensure that the guidelines are implemented to the greatest extent feasible and practicable.

2. The Committee noted that the Committee should serve as the principal forum for continued institutional dialogue on issues related to the implementation and review of the guidelines.

3. The Committee decided to establish, under a five-year workplan, a Working Group under the agenda item “the long-term sustainability of outer space activities” of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee.

4. The Committee decided that the Working Group would agree on its terms of reference, methods of work and dedicated workplan at the fifty-seventh session of the Subcommittee in 2020 and the Working Group was to be guided by the following framework:

   (a) The Working Group could identify and study challenges and consider new guidelines for the long-term sustainability of outer space activities. This can be done by taking into consideration existing documents including, inter alia, A/AC.105/C.1/L.367 and A/AC.105/2019/CRP.12 and A/AC.105/2019/16;

   (b) Sharing experiences, practices and lessons learned from voluntary national implementation;

   (c) Raising awareness and capacity-building, in particular for emerging space nations and developing countries.

5. The Committee requested the Chair of the Committee to temporarily facilitate the work of the Working Group at the fifty-seventh session of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee with a view towards the development of the Working Group’s terms of reference, methods of work, including ways of incorporating inputs from non-governmental organizations, industry and the private sector through States members of the Committee, and workplan for consideration at the fifty-seventh session of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee. The Working Group meetings would be supported by interpretation in all six official languages of the United Nations. This work shall take into consideration A/AC.105/2019/CRP.7, A/AC.105/2019/CRP.10, A/AC.105/2019/CRP.13 and A/AC.105/2019/CRP.16.

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