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## GA Procedure for taking decisions during the COVID-19 pandemic

- GA Decision 74/544 of 27 March 2020

(a) Authorized the President of the General Assembly, where, in his view, a plenary meeting of the General Assembly was not practicable due to the coronavirus pandemic, to circulate, after consultation with the General Committee, draft decisions of the General Assembly to all Member States under a silence procedure of at least 72 hours;

(b) Decided that, if the silence is not broken, the decision should be considered adopted, and the General Assembly should take note of the decision at its first plenary meeting held after the cessation of the precautionary measures as soon as the circumstances allow, and that this decision on the procedure for taking of decisions of the General Assembly should be in effect until the end of May unless extended through this procedure.

- Decision 74/555: Extension until the end of June 2020
- Decision 74/561: Extension until the end of August 2020



## Written procedure of COPUOS and subsidiary bodies: STEPS

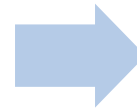
### Step 1

Formal NV:

COPUOS to  
establish the  
decision-making  
procedures of  
LSC and  
COPUOS

Formal doc  
(Encl) under  
silence for  
decisions:

- Elections
- Agenda/work for 2021
- Symposiums
- LTS/ Space resources/ Space2030



### Step 2

- Note by newly  
Elected Chair to  
the President of  
GA C.4

- Draft  
resolution by  
Country - Chair  
of COPUOS



## Written procedure of COPUOS and subsidiary bodies: TOPICS

### Part I: LSC

- Election of Chair of LSC for 2020-2021
- Contribution to work for LSC 2021
- Deferring scheduled inf. consultations on space resources to 2021
- IISL/ECSL symposium at LSC in 2021
- Draft provisional agenda of LSC 2021

### Part II: COPUOS

- Election of officers for 2020-2021
- Endorsement of STSC 2020 report and endorsement of its agenda for 2021
- Contributions of work for STSC 2021
- LTS WG for STSC 2021
- IAF Symposium at STSC in 2021
- Endorsement of LSC agreements (made under Part I above)
- WG on "Space2030" agenda to be finalized by COPUOS in 2021 (meet at LSC and COPUOS)
- Nominations of Bureaux members for period 2022-2023
- Endorsement of COPUOS agenda for 2021



# **Deadline for nominations by Regional Groups of Bureaux members for the 2022-2023 period:**

**NV to UNOOSA latest by**

**Friday 25 September 2020**