

**Scheduled Informal Consultations on the Exploration, Exploitation and  
Utilization of Space Resources to be Held During LSC60  
Virtual Briefing  
20 May 2021**

# **Virtual Briefing for Member States of UNCOPUOS**

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**Establishment and Mandate**

- **LSC 58<sup>th</sup> Session April 2019 – decision to convene ‘scheduled informal consultations’**
- **Co-Moderators endorsed by UNCOPUOS 62<sup>nd</sup> Session June 2019 – Andrzej Misztal (Poland) and Steven Freeland (Australia)**
- **Aim => “to have a broad and inclusive exchange of views on the future deliberations concerning space resources, including the possible establishment of a working group under the relevant agenda item, taking into account the possible future coordination with the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee, as appropriate”**

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**Work To Date**

- **Draft Plan circulated (through UNOOSA) by Co-Moderators September 2019**
- **Formal written inputs to Draft Plan received from 14 Member States to date**
- **Summary of inputs to be placed on UNOOSA website prior to LSC60**
- **Consultations LSC59 not held / rescheduled for LSC60**
- **Informal discussions / conversations with various delegations during intersessional period**

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**Organizational, Procedural and Technical Matters for Consultations**

- **Six separate sessions scheduled in indicative LSC Agenda (1 June (pm), 3 June (am), 3 June (pm), 4 June (am), 4 June (pm), 7 June (pm))**
- **Delegations to be afforded with as much time as possible to express views given inevitable timing constraints**
- **Preceded by General Exchange of Views on Resources (31 May (pm) and 1 June (am))**
- **First Scheduled Session (1 June (pm)): introduction and context/summary provided by Co-Moderators followed by views of Delegations**
- **Subsequent Sessions: further discussion on issues raised by Delegations**
- **Final Scheduled Session (7 June (pm)): Any decisions by consensus by Member States and determination of possible future steps**

## **Modality of Scheduled Informal Consultations**

- Main focus of consultations: whether and when Member States wish to establish a Working Group in relation to this issue**
- Fundamental approach → open, inclusive and transparent discussions incorporating all views**
- Delegations encouraged to actively contribute and share their views**

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**All health and safety measures  
indicated by the United Nations  
and UNOOSA will be equally  
applicable throughout the  
scheduled informal consultations**

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