Invitation to States members of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space

Intersessional meeting of the Working Group on Legal Aspects of Space Resource Activities 22 January 2024

- 1. In accordance with the Terms of Reference of the Working Group (A/76/20, Annex III), the Chair, Mr. Andrzej Misztal (Poland) and Vice-Chair, Mr. Steven Freeland (Australia) of the Working Group invite States members of the Committee to attend an intersessional meeting to hold consultations regarding the invitation to States to nominate speakers and presenters to both the event taking place in Luxembourg in 2024, entitled "Expert meeting collecting preliminary inputs for consideration at the international conference in Vienna in 2024" (expert meeting), and the international conference on space resources to take place within the sixty-third session of the Legal Subcommittee of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, issued under the invitation circular of 28 June 2023 (OOSA/2023/42, CU 2023/212).
- 2. The intersessional meeting will be held on 22 January 2024 from 13:00 to 15:00 CET. Delegates are kindly invited to contact the secretariat at unoosa-spacelaw@un.org for the MS Teams meeting log in information.
- 3. Participants joining the intersessional meeting of the Working Group will be required to enter their name and the name of the State member they are representing. Information should be entered using the following format: "[Country], [First Name] [Last Name]" then to click "Join Meeting". Participants are also requested to join the meeting a few minutes before the start time to reduce waiting times in the virtual lobby.
- 4. Taking into account the nominations by States members that have been received for both the expert meeting in Luxembourg and the international conference in Vienna, their respective affiliations and topic(s) on which they were nominated to speak, the Chair and Vice-Chair have proposed an outline for both events for the consideration of States, and which has been posted on the dedicated web page of the Working Group at Working Group on Space Resources (unoosa.org) in order to facilitate discussions at the intersessional meeting.
- 5. Finally, the Working Group agreed at the sixty-sixth session of the Committee, that the availability of interpretation in all official United Nations languages and the financial support to cover travel costs for participants from developing countries to the expert meeting would be subject to additional funding (A/78/20, para. 235). Information for States members wishing to provide support in this regard will be provided directly by the secretariat upon inquiry at unoosa-spacelaw@un.org.