

Extension of deadline to 20 October 2023 of the invitation to nominate presenters for 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”, 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

1. At the sixty-sixth session of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, the Working Group on Legal Aspects of Space Resource Activities under the Legal Subcommittee of COPUOS, had met formally and informally and agreed that an event would be held in Luxembourg during the Space Resources Week, entitled “Expert meeting collecting preliminary inputs for consideration at the international conference in Vienna in 2024” (expert meeting), which would be co-hosted by Belgium and Luxembourg and organized in cooperation with the United Nations (A/78/20, para. 232).
2. In addition, during that session of the Committee, the Working Group had agreed that presenters of the expert meeting would be nominated by their respective national delegations and that the list of speakers would be, in close consultation between the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Working Group and member States of the Committee, prepared and finalized (A/78/20, para. 233).
3. In addition, the Working Group had further agreed at that session of the Committee that the international conference would be conducted in an inclusive and transparent manner, within the scope and on the basis of the following topics:
 - a. Implications of the legal framework for space resource activities;
 - b. The role of information-sharing in supporting space resource activities;
 - c. The scope of future space resource activities;
 - d. Environmental and socioeconomic aspects of space resource activities;
 - e. International cooperation in scientific research and technological development of space resource activities (A/78/20, para. 334).
4. The Chair and Vice-Chair of the Working Group would therefore like to extend the invitation to States members of the Committee to nominate presenters for the expert meeting that would take place during Space Resources Week in Luxembourg in 2024, taking into account the scope of topics that had been agreed for the international conference in Vienna.
5. The Chair and Vice-Chair would also like to invite States members of the Committee to nominate presenters, within the scope and on the basis of the topics noted above, for the international conference in 2024, as mandated under the five-year workplan and methods of work of the Working Group, that would be held within the sixty-third session of the Legal Subcommittee in Vienna in 2024.
6. The Chair and Vice-Chair highly encourage nominations of presenters from developing and emerging spacefaring countries for both the expert meeting in Luxembourg and the international conference in Vienna.
7. In order to prepare for further consultations with States members of the Committee on these matters, nominations by States members for both the expert meeting in Luxembourg and international conference in Vienna, their respective titles, brief backgrounds, and topic(s) on which they are to be nominated to speak are to be sent via email to the Chair, Mr. Andrzej Misztal (Poland) and Vice-Chair, Mr. Steven Freeland (Australia) and the secretariat, at andrzej.misztal@outlook.com, s.freeland@westernsydney.edu.au and unoosa-spacelaw@un.org, respectively, by no later than the extended deadline of **20 October 2023**.

8. The list of nominees to the expert meeting in Luxembourg and the international conference in Vienna will be posted on the dedicated web page to the Working Group on the website of UNOOSA at:

<https://www.unoosa.org/oosa/en/ourwork/copuos/lsc/space-resources/index.html>

9. Finally, at the sixty-sixth session of the Committee, the Working Group agreed that the availability of interpretation in all official United Nations languages and the financial support to cover travel costs of 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.
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