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Uses of Outer Space****Legal Subcommittee****Fifty-sixth session**

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Item 11 of the provisional agenda\*

**General exchange of information on non-legally binding****United Nations instruments on outer space****Information on an updated Compendium on Mechanisms  
adopted by States and international organizations in  
relation to non-legally binding United Nations instruments  
on outer space**

1. The compendium on mechanisms adopted by States and international organizations in relation to non-legally binding United Nations instruments on outer space has been developed as a contribution by Japan, and in reference to the agenda item of the Legal Subcommittee “General exchange of information on non-legally binding United Nations instruments on outer space”. The compendium is intended to facilitate the exchange of views and the sharing of information on the implementation of non-legally binding United Nations instruments.

2. The initial version of Compendium has been made available to the Legal Subcommittee at its fifty-fifth session held in Vienna from 4 to 15 April 2016 under agenda item 12 of the provisional agenda of that session ([A/AC.105/C.2/L.297](#)) as a conference room paper [A/AC.105/C.2/2016/CRP.13](#), in accordance with paragraph 191 of the Report of the Legal Subcommittee at its fifty-fourth session, document [A/AC.105/1090](#), where the Subcommittee encouraged States members of the Committee, as well as international intergovernmental organizations having permanent observer status with the Committee, to respond, on a voluntary basis and as appropriate, to the questionnaire contained in [A/AC.105/C.2/2015/CRP.24/Rev.1](#), and to submit their responses to the delegation of Japan, which was invited to prepare a compilation of responses to be submitted to the Subcommittee during its fifty-fifth session.

3. At that session, the Legal Subcommittee expressed appreciation to Japan for the development of the compendium and welcomed the compendium as a valuable document for the sharing of information on the implementation of non-legally binding United Nations instruments. The Legal Subcommittee at that session requested the Secretariat to make the compendium available on a dedicated page of the website of the Office for Outer Space Affairs and to invite States members of the Committee and international intergovernmental organizations having permanent

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\* [A/AC.105/C.2/L.299](#).



observer status with the Committee to submit their responses to the Secretariat for inclusion in the compendium (A/AC.105/1113, paras. 192-194).

4. An updated Compendium has been provided on the website of Office for Outer Space Affairs for the current, fifty-sixth session of the Legal Subcommittee, containing responses from the following States members of the Committee: **Australia, Austria, the Czech Republic, France, Germany, Japan, Switzerland, Thailand, Turkey and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.**

5. The present conference room paper has been prepared by the Secretariat to inform States members of the Committee and permanent observers with the Committee about the webpage, where the initial Compendium, the updated Compendium and related documents have been made available:

<http://www.unoosa.org/oosa/en/ourwork/spacelaw/nlbcompendium.html>

### **Compendium on mechanisms adopted in relation to non-legally binding United Nations instruments on outer space**

The [Compendium on mechanisms adopted by States and international organizations in relation to non-legally binding United Nations instruments on outer space](#) has been developed in reference to the agenda item of the Legal Subcommittee on [General exchange of information on non-legally binding United Nations instruments on outer space](#).

The aim of the Compendium is to inform States of the current instruments and measures that have been implemented by States members of the Committee as well as international intergovernmental organizations having permanent observer status with the Committee.

The initial Questionnaire for the Compendium was made available to the Legal Subcommittee at its 54th session in 2015 under agenda item 11 of the provisional agenda of the session (A/AC.105/C.2/L.295) as a conference room paper A/AC.105/C.2/2015/CRP.24/Rev.1. At that session, the Subcommittee encouraged States members of the Committee, as well as international intergovernmental organizations having permanent observer status with the Committee, to respond, on a voluntary basis and as appropriate, to the Questionnaire and to submit their responses to the delegation of Japan, which was invited to prepare a compilation of responses to be submitted to the Subcommittee during its 55th session. (A/AC.105/1090, para 191).

The first version of the Compendium (document [A/AC.105/C.2/2016/CRP.13](#)) has been made available by the delegation of Japan to the Subcommittee at its 55th session in 2016 under agenda item 12 of the provisional agenda of the session (A/AC.105/C.2/L.297).

The Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space at its 59th session supported the view of the Legal Subcommittee, in that the Compendium was a valuable document that had facilitated the exchange of views and the sharing of information on the implementation of non-legally binding United Nations instruments.

The Committee endorsed the request by the Legal Subcommittee that the Secretariat make the Compendium available on a dedicated page of the website of the Office for Outer Space Affairs and invite States members of the Committee and international intergovernmental organizations having permanent observer status with the Committee to submit their responses to the Secretariat for inclusion in the Compendium (A/71/20, para.199).

In accordance with the recommendation of the Legal Subcommittee, States members of the Committee and international organizations are invited to submit their responses to the Secretariat for inclusion into the compendium on mechanisms adopted in relation to non-legally binding United Nations instruments on outer space (A/AC.105/1113, para. 194).

### **Compendium**

- [Compendium on mechanisms adopted by States and international organizations in relation to non-legally binding United Nations instruments on outer space \(as at 4 April 2016\)](#)
- [Updated Compendium on mechanisms adopted by States and international organizations in relation to non-legally binding United Nations instruments on outer space \(as at 31 March 2017\)](#)
- [Updated questionnaire for States \(1\) and Organizations \(2\)](#)

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