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**Committee on the Peaceful  
Uses of Outer Space**

**Sixty-fourth session**

Vienna, 25 August–3 September 2021

**Composition of the bureaux of the Committee and its  
subsidiary bodies for the period 2022-2023**

**Note by the Secretariat**

Note verbale 2021/141 received by the Secretariat on 31 August 2021 from the Permanent Representation of Belgium to the United Nations in Vienna:

“The Permanent Representation of Belgium to the United Nations in Vienna presents its compliments to the United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs, and in its capacity as the current Chair of the Western European and Others Group (WEOG), has the honor to inform that the WEOG has decided by consensus to submit the candidature of Ms. Jenni Tapio (Chief Specialist, Space Law, Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment of Finland) for the post of First Vice-Chair of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space for the biennium 2022-2023, at the sixty-fourth session of the Committee to be held in Vienna from 25 August to 3 September 2021.

The Curriculum Vitae of Ms. Tapio is attached to this note.

The Permanent Representation of Belgium to the United Nations in Vienna avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs the assurances of its highest consideration.”

The note verbale of Permanent Representation of Belgium to the United Nations in Vienna is contained below.





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Vienna, August 31 2021

30 August 2021

H.E. Ghislain D'Hoop  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative of Belgium to the United Nations and the International Organizations in  
Vienna

*Dear Colleague, Dear Ghislain,*

I have the honour to inform you, in your capacity as Chair of the Western European and Other States Group (WEOG), that the Permanent Mission of Finland to the International Organisations in Vienna has decided to nominate **Ms. Jenni Tapio** (Chief Specialist, Space Law. Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment) for the position of the First Vice-Chair of the Committee on the Peaceful uses of Outer Space (COPUOS) for the term 2022 – 2023.

I would be grateful if you could bring this information to the attention of the other members of the Group.

Please accept, Your Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours Sincerely,



Pirkko Hämäläinen  
Ambassador

Permanent Representative of Finland to the International Organisations in Vienna



**Chief Specialist, Space Law**  
**Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment of Finland**

Ms. Jenni Tapio works as a Chief Specialist with a special focus on space activities, representing Finland at the United Nations (UN) Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (COPUOS) as the head of delegation to the legal and scientific subcommittees and as alternate head of delegation in the main committee. She has been actively contributing in the working of the Committee especially in the topics of national space laws, sustainability of space activities as well as in the discussion on the exploration, exploitation and utilization of space resources, leading to a joint CRP initiated by Finland and Germany, and co-sponsored by number of other European States Members of COPUOS.

Ms. Tapio is involved in the activity of the European Space Agency (ESA) in her current roles as the vice-chair of its international relations committee, as well as a delegate of the programme board on space situational awareness and the committee dealing with industrial policy. She acts as a national expert for the Finnish delegation to the European Union (EU) Council space committees and as delegate in the EU Space Programme Committee's space situational awareness configuration.

Ms. Tapio is chairing the Finnish Space Committee's division on space situational awareness, and is a member of the secretariat of the Space Committee.

Ms. Tapio participated in the making of the Finnish Act on Space Activities (63/2018), and her daily work involves the practical and legal questions arising from its implementation and further development.

Prior to joining the Ministry, she worked for 15 years in the private sector specialising in technology, telecommunications, satellites and space law, most recently as a Senior Associate at Bird & Bird Attorneys LLP, and previously as an In-house Legal Counsel for Airbus Defence and Space, and Nokia Corporation.

Ms. Tapio holds a LL.B in English and European laws (Hons.) from the University of Essex (the United Kingdom), with a dissertation in public international law, a LL.M degree in international business law with a focus on European Union law as well as a Master's degree in public international law with a dissertation on space law from the University of Helsinki (Finland). She is currently in the final stages of her doctoral studies in Space Law at the University of Helsinki. She has passed the Finnish Bar examination.

Ms. Tapio is a member of the board of the European Centre for Space Law (ECSL). She acted as the faculty advisor of the University of Helsinki team in the Manfred Lachs Space Law Moot Court Competition in 2015-2019. She has authored various publications in the field of space law and policy, and lectures frequently on these topics in institutions nationally and internationally. She engages actively with the space community in space law and policy related events. She was invited speaker in the World Space Forum in 2019 and 2021.

Ms. Tapio is a member of the International Institute of Space Law (IISL), the ECSL, and the Finnish Branch of the International Law Association (ILA) and acts as an alternate member of its Space Law Committee for Finland. She is a member of the International Academy of Astronautics (IAA) Permanent Committee on Space Traffic Management (STM). She is also a member of the URSA Astronomical Association.