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**General exchange of views on potential legal models
for activities in the exploration, exploitation and
utilization of space resources**

**Information on the International Conference on Space
Resources of the Working Group on Legal Aspects of Space
Resource Activities**

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Note by the Secretariat

1. At the sixty-first session of the Legal Subcommittee of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, in April 2022, the Working Group on Legal Aspects of Space Resource Activities agreed on and adopted its detailed workplan and methods of work ([A/AC.105/1260](#), annex II, para. 6 and appendix).
2. The workplan included the convening, in 2024, of a dedicated international conference under the auspices of the United Nations, in accordance with the terms of reference of the Working Group ([A/76/20](#), annex III), with the scope and topics to be addressed at the conference to be more fully elaborated through inputs of States, preferably in conjunction with the sixty-third session of the Legal Subcommittee, and open to Governments, invited academic and other stakeholders.
3. At the sixty-sixth session of the Committee, in June 2023, the Working Group agreed 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 for space resource activities ([A/78/20](#), para. 234).

* [A/AC.105/C.2/L.326](#).



4. Also at that session, the Working Group had 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”, which would be co-hosted by Belgium and Luxembourg and organized in cooperation with the United Nations (A/78/20, para. 232).
5. A Summary of the expert meeting, prepared by Mr. Andrzej Misztal (Poland), Chair and Mr. Steven Freeland (Australia), Vice-Chair of the Working Group on Legal Aspects of Space Resource Activities, with the support of the secretariat, was made available in conference room paper 15 (A/AC.105/C.2/CRP.15).
6. The International Conference on Space Resources of the Working Group on Legal Aspects of Space Resource Activities was held on 15 April 2024, during the sixty-third session of the Legal Subcommittee.
7. The international conference was composed of two panels, the first on “Implications of the legal framework for space resource activities” and the second on “The role of governance, including information-sharing, in supporting space resource activities”.
8. The first panel was moderated by Mr. Andrzej Misztal, Chair of the Working Group on Legal Aspects of Space Resource Activities. The speakers were Mr. Gao Guozhu, Professor of International Law at Beihang University (panellist nominated by China); Mr. Sergio Marchisio, Professor of Space Law University Sapienza of Rome (panellist nominated by Italy); Mr. Christopher Johnson, Director of Legal Affairs and Space Law at the Secure World Foundation (panellist nominated by the United States of America); Mr. El Bachir Zantou, Researcher at the Royal Center for Space Studies and Researches (CRERS) (panellist nominated by Morocco); Ms. Rosa Ma. Ramírez de Arellano y Haro, General Coordinator of International Affairs and Space Security at the Mexican Space Agency (panellist nominated by Mexico); Ms. Rocío Germanía Narváez Benalcázar, Geographic Production Chief at the Instituto Geografico Militar of Ecuador (panellist nominated by Ecuador); Mr. Georgios Kyriakopoulos, Associate Professor of International Law at the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (panellist nominated by Greece); Mr. Marcus Schladebach, Professor of Public Law, Media Law, and Air and Space Law at the University of Potsdam (panellist nominated by Germany); and Mr. Vasily Gudnov, Head of the Multilateral Division of the International Cooperation Department at the State Space Corporation “Roscosmos” (panellist nominated by the Russian Federation).
9. The second panel was moderated by Mr. Steven Freeland, Vice-Chair of the Working Group on Legal Aspects of Space Resource Activities. The speakers were Mr. Su Jinyuan, Professor at Wuhan University Institute of International Law (panellist nominated by China); Ms. Tanja Masson-Zwaan, Assistant professor and deputy director of the International Institute of Air and Space Law at Leiden University, President emerita of the International Institute of Space Law, and Co-founder of the Hague International Space Resources Governance Working Group (panellist nominated by Netherlands (Kingdom of the)); Mr. Konrad Jan Marciniak, Judge of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (panellist nominated by Poland); Mr. Yury Razoumny, Chairman of the Technical Committee for International Scientific Cooperation, Space Council, Russian Academy of Sciences Director of Academy of Engineering of RUDN University (panellist nominated by the Russian Federation); Mr. Ian Grosner, Federal Attorney, Head of the Legal Department at the Brazilian Space Agency (AEB) and Chair of the Working Group on the Definition and Delimitation of Outer Space of the Legal Subcommittee (panellist nominated by Brazil); Mr. Mathias Link, Deputy CEO at the Luxembourg Space Agency (panellist nominated by Luxembourg); and Mr. Ryosuke Murayama, Director at the Cabinet Office of Japan’s National Space Policy Secretariat (panellist nominated by Japan).