

Virtual Briefing: Preparations for the 65th session of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space [COPUOS] [1-10 June 2022]

Tuesday, 17 March 2022, 14:00-15:00 CET



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Organizational Considerations

- The sixty-fifth session of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space is scheduled to be held from 1 to 10 June 2022, in Vienna, Austria.
- In light of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and the associated restrictions, the session will be held in a hybrid format.
- In this regard, consideration needs to be given to:
 - the exceptional circumstances posed by the pandemic;
 - the high level of unpredictability as to how the situation will evolve in the coming months;
 - the current health and safety measures, including travel restrictions and minimum distancing requirements; and
 - the conference room capacities at the VIC.
- The meeting format will be of an exceptional and temporary nature and will not set a precedent.



Schedule of Meetings

Vienna (CEST)	
9:45 - 10:45	Technical Presentations [MS Teams]
11:00 - 13:00	Morning Session with Interpretation [Interprefy]
13:00 - 13:30	Technical Break / Room Disinfection
13:30 - 14:45	Informal Meetings [MS Teams]
15:00 - 17:00	Afternoon Session with Interpretation [Interprefy]
17:15 - 18:15	Technical Presentations [MS Teams]



Plenary meetings of the Committee

- Hybrid format: Boardroom D for in-person component.
- For Plenary, interpretation into the 6 official UN languages will be provided through an online platform [Interprefy].
- Interpretation will be provided from 11:00 to 13:00 and 15:00 - 17:00.
- Speaker links: 5 per COPUOS State members; 2 per observer.
- The links are connected to email addresses received through accreditation.
- Each delegation is requested to clearly inform the Secretariat which delegates would be physically present at COPUOS, and which delegates would receive the speaker links on Interprefy.
- Written statements for interpretation are to be provided two days before delivery.



Informals and Side events

- Informal meetings of the STSC Working Group on the use of Nuclear Power Sources in outer space. Tue and Wed, 7 and 8 June.
- Informal consultations on the text of draft GA resolution on space and global health. Wed and Thu, 1 and 2 June, and Mon, 6 June.
- Time allocation for Informals: from 13:30 to 14:45 Vienna time.
- Modality: Virtual, via MS Teams, BR-D connected.
- No interpretation provided.
- Information circular to provide links for joining the meetings.
- Any side events will take place in an online format only.



Informal consultations on space and global health

- Multi-year workplan of the Working Group 2019-2022:
 - 2022 Review and finalize the report of the WG to the Subcommittee, and review and finalize a draft resolution, to be considered for endorsement by the Committee with a view to its adoption by the General Assembly.
- 59th session of STSC, Report of the WG on SGH, para 8:
 - The WG considered the draft resolution on space and global health[...]. On the basis of its deliberations held at informal and formal meetings of the WG during the session, [...], the WG agreed to the amended text and the format of the draft resolution [...], for endorsement by STSC and to be subsequently made available [...] for consideration by COPUOS at its 65th session, in 2022, with a view to its adoption by the GA.
- Draft resolution: A/AC.105/L.328, annex
- Circular OOSA/2022/30 - CU 2022/141 of 10 May 2022 on Proposals from the Russian Federation to amend the text of the draft resolution



Statements

- Plenary statements to be limited to seven minutes
- Deadline for list of speakers inscription: **Monday, 23 May 2022**
- Delivery of prerecorded statements is possible, **sound quality important**
- All participants delivering statements are to be accredited to the session
- Statements for interpretation should be provided **2 days before delivery.**
 - File names to follow the format: Agendaltem_CountryName (e.g. 3_ Argentina.doc).
 - Top of statement mention: Country name and Agenda Item (e.g. Argentina, Item 3)
- Technical Requirements for live statements:
 - use an **Ethernet cable** to connect the computer to the router;
 - use a **Headset** rather than a computer's built-in microphone;
 - participate from a quiet room;
 - turn on the **Camera** for interpretation.
- Technical Requirements for pre-recorded statements - on session website
- Deadline for sending video files for sound check: **Monday, 23 May 2022**



Technical Presentations

- As an overall interpretation time is decreased, technical presentations to be delivered without interpretation.
- Technical Presentations can be delivered in any of the six official UN languages, however, there will be no interpretation.
- Time allocation: 9:45 - 10:45 and 17:15 - 18:15 Vienna time
- Duration: max. 12 minutes per presentation.
- Delivery mode: hybrid, MS Teams.
- Pre-recorded presentations possible.
- As is customary, presentations in .pdf format will be uploaded to UNOOSA website.

Adoption of the report

- Adoption of the report is scheduled for the full 2 days of the session.
- Delegations may provide language-related comments on language versions of the reports within one week after the Committee session.



COVID-19: Current Situation

Vienna International Centre (VIC):

- Physical distancing requirement is **one metre**.
- **FFP2 masks**.
- Seating diagram and QR codes with contact information for contact tracing.
- Attendees are reminded to stay home if they feel ill or have respiratory symptoms, and are encouraged to continue to make use of the testing programmes provided, including the free Alles Gurgelt programme in Vienna.

Useful links:

- COVID-19 [Dashboard](#); [Regulations in Austria](#); [VIC](#) COVID-19 Information.



Summary of Organizational Arrangements

- Hybrid format. Links on COVID-19: [Dashboard](#); [Regulations in Austria](#); [in VIC](#).
- Plenary meetings (Interpretation into official UN languages, Interpretify - digital platform for UN official meetings - 2 x 2 hours per day).
- Plenary statements to be limited to seven minutes.
- Technical presentation to be limited to twelve minutes (No interpretation, but can be delivered in any of the six Official UN Languages, however, there will be no interpretation, MS Teams, hybrid).
- Open plenary meetings and technical presentations to be webcast.
- Informals (No interpretation, MS Teams, hybrid).
- List of participants to be finalized within the week after the session (corrections by delegations reflecting full virtual and physical attendance submitted to the Secretariat).

IMPORTANT: Accreditation details (names, email addresses, etc.) are to be provided in editable format (deadline Monday, 23 May 2022)

THANK YOU



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