

Non-paper by the Chair of the Legal Subcommittee of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space on possible report paragraphs for agenda item 8: Report of the Legal Subcommittee on its sixty-third session

20 June 2024

***Note:** At its 1073rd meeting, on 26 April, consensus could not be reached to adopt the final report of the Legal Subcommittee. The Legal Subcommittee agreed to prepare the procedural report for adoption via silence procedure. The procedural report was adopted via silence procedure on 10 June and does not constitute a precedent for future reports.*

The present non-paper is provided to facilitate report adoption in relation with agenda item 8, of the Committee. i.e. Report of the Legal Subcommittee at its 63rd session (see Annotated provisional agenda, document A/AC.105/L.337), and contains recommendations for the Committee to take action on at its sixty-seventh session.

The draft paragraphs below do not represent a comprehensive list, but their inclusion in the report of the Committee at its sixty-seventh session would enable the continuity of work by the Legal Subcommittee and the Office for Outer Space Affairs as secretariat.

Information on the activities of international intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations relating to space law

The Committee agrees that it was important to continue to exchange information on recent developments in the area of space law with international intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, and that such organizations should once again be invited to report to the Subcommittee, at its sixty-fourth session, on their activities relating to space law.

Status and application of the five United Nations treaties on outer space, and ways and means, including capacity- building, to promote their implementation

The Committee endorses the report of the Chair of the Working Group on the Status and Application of the Five United Nations Treaties on Outer Space, contained in annex [...] to the present report.

The Committee notes that the Office for Outer Space Affairs will update its publication on United Nations instruments on space law in 2024 and plans to produce a publication on registration in the biennium 2025–2026.

The Committee agrees that it is important to continue to regularly exchange information on developments in the area of national space-related regulatory frameworks. In that regard, it encourages member States to continue to submit to the secretariat the texts of their national space laws and regulations and to provide updates and inputs for the schematic overview of national regulatory frameworks for space activities.

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

The Committee endorses the report of the Report of the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Working Group on Legal Aspects of Space Resource Activities, contained in annex [...] to the present report.



General exchange of information and views on legal mechanisms relating to space debris mitigation and remediation measures, taking into account the work of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee

The Committee agrees that States members of the Committee and international intergovernmental organizations having permanent observer status with the Committee should be invited to contribute further to the compendium of space debris mitigation standards adopted by States and international organizations by providing or updating information on any legislation or standards adopted with regard to space debris mitigation, using the template provided for that purpose. The Committee also agrees that all other States Members of the United Nations should be invited to contribute to the compendium and encouraged States with such regulations or standards to provide information on them.

General exchange of information on non-legally binding United Nations instruments on outer space

The Committee takes note of the compendium on mechanisms adopted by States and international organizations in relation to non-legally binding United Nations instruments on outer space, which was available on a dedicated page on the website of the Office for Outer Space Affairs, and encourages States members of the Committee and international intergovernmental organizations having permanent observer status with the Committee to continue to share information on their practices related to non-legally binding United Nations instruments on outer space.

Proposals to the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space for new items to be considered by the Legal Subcommittee at its sixty-fourth session

The Committee agrees that IISL and ECSL should again be invited to organize a symposium, to be held during the sixty-fourth session of the Subcommittee, with due account to be taken of equitable geographical and gender representation among the participants in order to reflect a broad range of opinions, and that the organizers should seek the cooperation of interested academic entities for that purpose.
