

## SPACE for Development

- 1- The Committee takes note of the initiative by several States entitled ‘Space for Development: International Cooperation and Implementing Benefit-sharing in Space Activities’ as presented by the African Group, Brazil, Iraq, Jordan, Mexico, Pakistan, and Panama, whose aim is to further enhance implementation of the principle that the exploration and use of outer space shall be carried out for the benefit and in the interests of all countries, irrespective of their level of economic or scientific development, in accordance with Article I of the Outer Space Treaty, and as recognized in applicable United Nations resolutions and instruments, including General Assembly resolution A/RES/51/122.
- 2- The Committee acknowledged the informal consultations on this topic led by several Member States, and noted that Member States will continue considering this topic under the existing agenda item ‘Space for Sustainable Development’. The Committee further noted that this initiative will build on the existing work of the Committee and its Subcommittees.
- 3- The Committee further acknowledged that informal consultations will continue on this topic led by the supporting States. These consultations would enable a gap analysis of current and future benefits and opportunities, as well as evolving needs and challenges, particularly for developing countries. This will allow for an initial draft of a consensual framework for voluntary international cooperation in space activities, which could include different forms of assistance, and enhance the sharing of benefits of exploration and use of Outer Space, particularly for developing countries and emerging spacefaring nations. This initiative intends to incorporate contributions from governmental, international governmental, and nongovernmental actors. The aforementioned draft would be presented to COPUOS 2026 for consideration, with a view to providing a tangible outcome on this topic for a possible UNISPACE IV. The UNOOSA will facilitate these endeavors as needed within existing resources and mandates.
- 4- The Committee noted a proposal to create a Group of Interested Countries on this matter to help shape and support its efforts.