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The Permanent Mission of Canada to the International Organizations in Vienna presents its compliments to the United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs and has the honour to refer to note verbale CU 2024/244 and to hereby provide UNOOSA with Canada's contribution on the bureau and workplan of the Action Team on Lunar Activities Consultation (ATLAC).

The Permanent Mission of Canada to the International Organizations in Vienna avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs the assurances of its highest consideration.

Vienna, 1 November 2024



ATLAC Submission: Canada

Canada wishes to thank UNOOSA for the Invitation Circular OOSA/2024/48 concerning the Action Team on Lunar Activities Consultation (ATLAC) and the invitation to provide contributions regarding the bureau and workplan for the Action Team. In addition, Canada wishes to take this opportunity to thank Romania for its leadership in advocating for the creation of this consultative body and for leading the informal and intercessional discussions that led to the adoption by consensus of the mandate, terms of reference and methods of work of the Action Team during the 67th session of the Committee.

Regarding the funding arrangement described in Paragraph C (10) that allows for financial and in-kind support to support the work of the Action Team, Canada notes that this arrangement should operate within the agreed-upon funding framework (Paragraph 41 of the 2023 Omnibus Resolution (A/RES/78/72)).

Canada re-iterates its support for the mandate, terms of reference and methods of work as agreed by the Committee and looks forward to constructive discussions. Through focused, expert-level exchanges to develop recommendations, we believe the Action Team can play a critical role in advancing how to best ensure that the multitude of missions planned to the lunar surface in the next decade and beyond are conducted safely, transparently, and sustainably.

We look forward to the intercessional meeting planned for 18 November to further exchange and advance this important work.