

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

Madame Chair,

As this is the first time that Israel takes the floor in the current LSC session, I would like to congratulate you, on behalf of the Israeli delegation, for your election as Chair of the Legal Subcommittee. In this opportunity, we would like to thank Mr. Andrzej Misztal for his impressive work as the previous Chair of the LSC.

The State of Israel wishes to commend Mr. Andrzej Misztal and Mr. Steven Freeland for their appointment as Moderator and Vice-Moderator, respectively, of the Scheduled informal consultations on space resources.

We wish them success in the new role and we are confident that, with their leadership, the informal consultations will be fruitful and achieve their objectives.

Madame Chair,

Like any other space activity for peaceful purposes, the State of Israel believes that activities with respect to the exploration, exploitation and utilization of space resources should be subject to the principles of the Outer Space Treaty. The application of the OST principles is in our view the main and most important general rule when dealing with space resources related activities, regardless of the legal models discussed.

Madame Chair,

Israel hopes that the informal consultations on space resources will focus on substance and will promote global understandings on this important matter.

Thank you.