

Pre-Session Briefing: 64th Session of the Legal Subcommittee

for Member States of the United Nations
and organizations with permanent observer status with the
Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space

Thursday, 10 April 2025, 14:00-14:45 CEST

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Invitation & Annotated Provisional Agenda

- **Invitation: Note verbale of 3 March 2025
(OOSA/2025/19, CU 2025/59(A)/OOSA/CPLA)**
- **Annotated provisional agenda, to be issued next week
(A/AC.105/C.2/L.334, with indicative schedule of work)
→ Advanced edited version available on LSC session site**



LSC: Schedule of Meetings

Vienna (CET)	
10:00 - 13:00 Morning meeting w/interpretation	LSC Plenary [Webcast]
	Formal meetings of Working Groups, consultations, if scheduled
	Technical Presentations, if scheduled [Webcast]
13:00 - 15:00	Lunch Break
15:00 - 18:00 Afternoon meeting w/interpretation	LSC Plenary [Webcast]
	Formal meetings of Working Groups, consultations, if scheduled
	Technical Presentations, if scheduled [Webcast]



Organizational Arrangements

- **In-person. M-Plenary.**
- **With interpretation (10:00-13:00 and 15:00-18:00):**
plenary meetings, Working Group formal meetings;
formal consultations, technical presentations
- **Webcast: open plenary meetings; technical presentations**
- **Working Group informal meetings (No interpretation)**
- **Informal consultations (No interpretation)**



Working Group Informal Meetings

- Convened according to the needs of the Working Groups
- Modality: Hybrid (in-person + MS Teams)
 - Information Circulars with links for online participation
- No interpretation
- Schedule: See webpage of LSC 64th session:
(<https://www.unoosa.org/oosa/en/ourwork/copuos/lsc/2025/index.html>)

Side meetings/events

- in a format chosen by organizers (in-person/online/hybrid)
- In-person events subject to room availability
- Requests for side meetings/events ← **Deadline=23 April 2025**



Accreditations

■ Full composition of delegation

- ✓ Accreditation details with email addresses; in Word format, in addition to the (scanned document)
- ✓ Send to **unoosa-submissions@un.org** **by 23 April 2025.**

IMPORTANT: Provide accreditation details (names, email addresses, etc.) in editable format



Attendance by non-COPUOS member States

- To attend the session as observers
- Submit a note verbale with a request to attend (per A/AC.105/1224, para. 228, and Annex I, para. 9)
- Indicating the composition of the delegation, one week prior to the opening of the session (**Monday, 28 April 2025**).



Statements

- Plenary statements: limited to **five (5) minutes**.
- Statements for interpretation: to be provided **at least 2 working days before** delivery
 - File names to follow the format: **AgendaItem_CountryName** (e.g. 3_Austria.doc).
 - Top of statement: Country name and Agenda Item (e.g. Austria, Item 3)
- Indicate **if the statement should not be uploaded** to the website.
- Delivery of pre-recorded statements: See session website for **Technical Requirements for pre-recorded**



List of speakers

- **Inscriptions to the list of speakers per agenda item –
by 23 April 2025**
- **Member States to speak first under an agenda item; to be followed by observer organizations**
- **Online list of speakers available**
- **All agenda items are to be considered in sequential order with the exception of “General Exchange of Views”**
- **Conclusion of the consideration of an item
→ the following item to be taken up, time permitting.**
- **One statement per delegation per agenda item**



Estimated distribution of agenda items (1st week)

<i>Week 1</i>	<i>Monday, 5 May 2025</i>	<i>Tuesday, 6 May 2025</i>	<i>Wednesday, 7 May 2025</i>	<i>Thursday, 8 May 2025</i>	<i>Friday, 9 May 2025</i>
Morning (10 a.m.–1 p.m.)	Item 1. Adoption of the agenda. Item 2. Statement of the Chair. Item 3. General exchange of views.	Item 3. General exchange of views. Item 4. Information on the activities of IGOs and NGOs relating to space law. Item 5. Status and application of the five UN treaties on outer space, and ways and means, including capacity-building, to promote their implementation.	Item 3. General exchange of views. Item 6 (a). Matters relating to the definition and delimitation of outer space. Item 6 (b). Matters relating to the character and utilization of the geostationary orbit.	Item 3. General exchange of views. Item 7. Future role and method of work of the Committee.	Item 3. General exchange of views. Item 8. General exchange of views on potential legal models for activities in the exploration, exploitation and utilization of space resources.
Afternoon (3–6 p.m.)	Item 3. General exchange of views. Item 4. Information on the activities of IGOs and NGOs relating to space law.	Item 3. General exchange of views. Item 5. Status and application of the five UN treaties on outer space, and ways and means, including capacity-building, to promote their implementation..	Item 3. General exchange of views. Item 7. Future role and method of work of the Committee.	Item 3. General exchange of views. Item 7. Future role and method of work of the Committee.	Item 3. General exchange of views. Item 9. General exchange of information and views on legal mechanisms relating to space debris mitigation and remediation measures.



Estimated distribution of agenda items (2nd week)

<i>Week 2</i>	<i>Monday, 12 May 2025</i>	<i>Tuesday, 13 May 2025</i>	<i>Wednesday, 14 May 2025</i>	<i>Thursday, 15 May 2025</i>	<i>Friday, 16 May 2025</i>
Morning (10 a.m.–1 p.m.)	Item 3. General exchange of views. Item 10. General exchange of information on non-legally binding UN instruments on outer space.	Item 3. General exchange of views. Item 12. General exchange of views on the application of international law to small-satellite activities.	Symposium	Adoption of the report of the WG on the Status and application of the five United Nations treaties on outer space	Item 14. Report to the Committee.
Afternoon (3–6 p.m.)	Item 3. General exchange of views. Item 11. General exchange of views on the legal aspects of space traffic management.	Item 3. General exchange of views. Item 13. Proposals to the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space for new items to be considered by the Legal Subcommittee at its 65th session.	Adoption of the report of the WG on the Definition and Delimitation of Outer Space Adoption of the report of the WG on Legal Aspects of Space Resource Activities	Item 14. Report to the Committee.	Item 14. Report to the Committee.



Technical presentations

- Indicate wish to deliver technical presentation (with the title, the name and details of the presenter and agenda item) – **by 23 April 2025** to **unoosa-submissions@un.org**
- Delivery of pre-recorded presentations possible (**should meet the Audio-Video Requirements**)
- Duration: **max. 10 minutes** per presentation.
- Important: **Provide a script for interpretation**
- **Please make sure that all necessary rights and permissions have been obtained to upload slides to UNOOSA's website**
- **Please refrain from including any logos or emblems of the United Nations or UNOOSA in the presentation slides.**



Adoption of the report

- LSC report: Thursday p.m. + Friday a.m./p.m., 2nd week.
- Principle: Not verbally stated → not reflected in the report
- **Post-session correction:** language-related comments on language versions of the report to be submitted within one week after the session to **unoosa-submissions@un.org.**)

List of participants

- To be finalized within one week after the session
(corrections by delegations reflecting full attendance to be submitted to Secretariat at **unoosa-submissions@un.org**)



Upcoming issues – consultations

- **WG on Legal Aspects of Space Resource Activities**
- **Action Team on Lunar Activities Consultation (ATLAC)**
- **Holding a 4th UN Conference on the Exploration and Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (UNISPACE IV)**
- **Organization/scheduling of technical presentations**



Liquidity crisis measures (part 1)

- Meetings to be held during the official working hours from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Side events are fully self-serviced. Guidelines on how to self-service meetings are available.
- Regular budget Secretariat bodies with 10 or more planned meetings in 2025 are to reduce their number of meetings by at least 10% and to adjust their programmes of work accordingly.



Liquidity crisis measures (part 2)

- **Overall documentation requirements for 2025 are continuously reviewed by Conference Management with the Secretariats.**
- **Every effort will be made to ensure the timely issuance of meeting-related parliamentary documentation.**
- **Submissions by Member States are handled on as available basis and potentially issued in the language and format received.**
- **For efficiency and sustainability, meetings are fully paperless. Meeting-related parliamentary documentation is made available electronically.**

CONCLUSION



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