

Item 7

Action Team on Lunar Activities Consultation

Statement by the Co-Chairs of the Action Team to the
sixty-fourth session of the Legal Subcommittee

14 May 2025

Thank you for giving me the floor, Mr. Chair.

Mr. Chair, distinguished delegates,

We appreciate the opportunity to report back to the plenary of this Subcommittee regarding the discussions of the Action Team on Lunar Activities Consultation of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space held during the sixty-fourth session of the Legal Subcommittee. The Action Team held three formal meetings on May 9, 12, and 14, and three informal meetings on May 9, 12, and 13.

We extend our sincere gratitude to all delegations for their proactive and constructive engagement, and particularly for their valuable insights and contributions to discussing the draft workplan. The discussions primarily addressed the format of the draft workplan, the linkage between the workplan and an initial list of potential priority topics, a potential outcome of the work of the Action Team based on the workplan, and the participation in the work of the Action Team and the extent of subject matters to be discussed.

Delegations expressed a clear preference for a simplified draft workplan, and significant progress was made based on this draft workplan. A range of views were expressed regarding the necessity of maintaining flexibility with an initial list of potential priority topics, recognizing it as a living document subject to ongoing revision and expansion as appropriate.

It was recognized that the Action Team is not prejudging the outcome of its multi-year workplan and that the outcome depends on recommendations for consideration by the Committee. There were also varying perspectives regarding

the reflection of views related to the participation in the work of the Action Team and the extent of subject matters to be discussed in the draft workplan. It was also noted that the work of the Action Team should not overlap with ongoing works and mandates of other working groups.

Mr. Chair,

Further discussions are needed to finalize the draft workplan and to elaborate upon subsequent steps regarding an initial list of potential priority topics for endorsement by the Committee at its sixty-eighth session. To that end, the Action Team has scheduled two intersessional meetings to be held on May 29 and June 17.

States members are encouraged to submit any additional written contributions to the Co-Chairs and the secretariat to further update the draft workplan and an initial list of potential priority topics. Additionally, States members are invited to appoint up to four representatives to ensure diverse and expert level exchanges in the ongoing activities of the Action Team.

We reiterate our gratitude to all delegations for their invaluable participation and look forward to continuing productive exchanges.

Thank you for your attention, Mr. Chair.