

Norwegian statement: General exchange of views on potential legal models for activities in the exploration, exploitation and utilization of space resources

Chair,

Firstly, the Norwegian delegation wishes again to express our condolences to the Polish delegation on the passing away of Ambassador Misztal.

We are grateful that the Vice-chair of the Working Group on Legal Aspects of Space Resource Activities nevertheless has managed to produce the set of proposed principles before us today. Norway congratulates the Vice-Chair on work well done. This is a very useful contribution to the discussion and development of the legal framework for such activities.

As stated in the past, Norway supports the development of a UN legal framework that promotes the safe, sustainable and peaceful activities on celestial bodies.

As for the proposed approach, we support dividing the initial set of draft principles into two parts and support the Vice-Chair's proposal on how to proceed. We believe this is a useful way to structure and move the discussion forward.

There is one aspect briefly described in part 1 we would still like to see further developed. We would prefer a stronger emphasis on the importance of benefit sharing, and that the activities should benefit current and future generations.

We look forward to discussing the proposed principles in the working group.

Thank you Chair.