Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space Legal Subcommittee Sixty-fourth session Vienna, 5–16 May 2025

Management of technical presentations at sessions of the Committee and its subcommittees

Non-paper by the delegation of India in its capacity as lead of the discussions on organizational matters

- 1. At the sixty-second session of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee, held in Vienna from 3 to 14 February 2025, the Working Group of the Whole discussed, under the agenda item entitled "Future role and method of work of the Committee", the large number of requests for scientific and technical presentations to be made during the sessions of the Subcommittee and the Committee. The Working Group acknowledged the value of such presentations while noting that there was a need to improve the organization of presentations and facilitate meaningful discussions. The Working Group recommended that discussion on that matter be led intersessionally by the delegation of India at the sixty-fourth session of the Legal Subcommittee and at the sixty-eighth session of the Committee, and requested the secretariat to make the necessary arrangements, including with regard to the use of interpretation.
- 2. At the first round of the discussions held in the morning on Wednesday, 7 May 2025, there appeared to be emerging consensus on the following proposals:
 - 2.1. One or more full meetings per session of the Committee or its subcommittees could be allocated for technical presentations, with presentations grouped according to relevant agenda item.
 - 2.2. The dates of the meetings fully dedicated to technical presentations should be included in the indicative schedule of work contained in the annotated provisional agenda of the respective session.
 - 2.3. Whenever feasible, presentations should be followed by a question-and-answer segment to facilitate interactive discussions.
- 3. The above approach could be implemented together with the existing agreements relating to technical presentations:
 - 3.1. Member States and permanent observers should pay due attention to the need to keep the overall number of presentations in the session at a reasonable level. The Secretariat may, if necessary, and upon consultation with the member State or permanent observer concerned, reduce the number of presentations requested (A/AC.105/1038, para. 242).
 - 3.2. When delegations request the scheduling of presentations, they are to indicate which of their presentations they wish to be given priority consideration, given that there may not be enough time at a session to accommodate all requests (A/AC.105/1224, Annex I, para. 7 (b)).
- 4. At the second round of the discussions to be held in the morning on Thursday, 8 May 2025, the lead of the discussions on organizational matters plans to explore approaches to setting a limit on the number of technical presentations.

