

**Second Further Revised Co-Chairs' Five Year Workplan and Methods of Work
[for the]
[Working Group on Legal Aspects of Space Resource Activities]**

2022:

Conduct preliminary information gathering, including through the issuance of an appropriate questionnaire concerning activities in the exploration, exploitation, and utilization of space resources, that takes into account current practices and reasonably foreseeable scientific and technological developments, given their innovative and evolving nature.

2023

a) ~~Start~~ Commence the substantive work of the Working Group through an initial review of collecting relevant information received from States, while continuing to collect relevant information including through the issuance of an appropriate questionnaire, from National Points of Contact nominated by Member States, concerning activities in the exploration, exploitation, and utilization of space resources, that takes into account current practices and reasonably foreseeable scientific and technological developments, given their innovative and evolving nature.

b) Initial exchange of views on:

- the existing legal framework for such activities, in particular the Treaty on Principles Governing the Activities of States in the Exploration and Use of Outer Space, including the Moon and Other Celestial Bodies, and other applicable United Nations treaties, also taking into account other relevant instruments, as appropriate; and
- the utility benefits of further development of a framework for such activities, including by way of additional international governance instruments.

c) Initial preparation by the Chair of the Working Group, supported by the secretariat, of a preliminary summary of the information collected and views expressed thus far, for submission to the Working Group for its further consideration.

2023: [2024]

a) Review responses received from States and ~~c~~Continue the collection of relevant information and exchange of views as per the points a) and b) above.

b) Review and update the preliminary summary prepared by the Chair of the information collected and views expressed and consolidate any additional relevant information and views presented, for submission to the Working Group for its further consideration.

c) Initial exchange of views on the development of a set of initial recommended principles for such activities, taking into account the need to ensure that they are carried out in accordance with international law and in a safe, sustainable, rational and peaceful manner.

d) Convening of a dedicated international conference under the auspices of the United Nations, in accordance with the Terms of Reference of the Working Group found in A/76/20, Annex III, with the scope and topics to be addressed in the conference to be more fully elaborated through inputs of States, subject to appropriate budgetary considerations, preferably in conjunction with the meetings of the 62nd session of the Legal Subcommittee, and open to Governments, invited academic and other stakeholders, with a report on such conference to be prepared by the Chair of the Working Group, supported by the secretariat, and submitted to the Working Group for its further consideration.

~~2024:~~ 2025

a) Preparation by the Chair of the Working Group, supported by the secretariat, of a summary of discussions on the existing legal framework for such activities, as well as an assessment of the utility benefits of further development of a framework for such activities, based on the information collected and views expressed.

b) Exchange views on the development of a set of initial recommended principles for such activities, taking into account the need to ensure that they are carried out in accordance with international law and in a safe, sustainable, rational and peaceful manner.

c) Continue exchanging views on the preliminary summary prepared by the Chair of the information collected as per the above.

~~2025:~~ 2026

a) Final review and refinement of the summary of discussions on the existing legal framework for such activities, as well as of the assessment of the utility benefits of further development of a framework for such activities.

b) Preparation of a draft set of initial recommended principles by the Chair of the Working Group, supported by the secretariat, for review and discussion by the Working Group.

c) Exchange of views on possible areas for further work of the Legal Subcommittee and recommended next steps, taking into account the summary of discussions on the existing legal framework for such activities, as well as the assessments of the utility benefits of further development of a framework for such activities and the draft set of initial recommended principles for such activities.

~~2026:~~ 2027

a) Final ~~ization review, and adoption~~ of a set of initial recommended principles for such activities for the consideration of and consensus agreement by the Committee, followed by possible adoption by the United Nations General Assembly as a dedicated resolution or other action.

b) Adoption by the Committee of a final report of the Working Group, incorporating the results of the activities undertaken by the Working Group in accordance with its mandate, as appropriate.