Further Revised Co-Chairs’ Five Year Workplan

2022:

a) Collect relevant information, including from National Points of Contact nominated by Member States, concerning activities in the exploration, exploitation, and utilization of space resources, including with respect to scientific and technological developments and current practices, taking into account their innovative and evolving nature.

b) Exchange 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 benefits of further development of a framework for such activities, including by way of additional international governance instruments.

c) Preparation by the Chair of the working group, supported by the secretariat, of a preliminary summary of the information collected and views expressed, for review and discussion by the working group.

d) Convening of a dedicated international conference convened under the auspices of the United Nations, subject to appropriate budgetary considerations, 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.

2023:

a) Continue the collection of relevant information as per the above.

b) Review and discuss the preliminary summary prepared by the Chair of the information collected and views expressed and consolidate any additional relevant information and views presented.

c) 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.

2024:

a) Preparation by the Chair of the working group, supported by the secretariat, of the study of the existing legal framework for such activities, as well as the 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) Convening of a dedicated international conference convened under the auspices of the United Nations, subject to appropriate budgetary considerations, preferably in conjunction with the meetings of the 63rd 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.

2025:

a) Final review and refinement of the study of the existing legal framework for such activities, as well as the 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 study of the existing legal framework for such activities, as well as the benefits of further development of a framework for such activities and the draft set of initial recommended principles for such activities.

2026:

a) Final 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, as appropriate.