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INFORMATION CIRCULAR

To: Permanent Missions of States members of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (COPUOS)

From: United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs (UNOOSA)

Subject: Working Group on Legal Aspects of Space Resource Activities of the Legal Subcommittee of COPUOS: **Initial draft set of recommended principles for space resource activities**

1. The Working Group on Legal Aspects of Space Resource Activities of the Legal Subcommittee of COPUOS, during the sixty-third session of the latter in April 2024, agreed that, with a view to furthering the work of the Working Group in accordance with its five-year workplan ([A/AC.105/1260](#), annex II, appendix), its Chair and Vice-Chair were to invite States members and organizations having permanent observer status with the Committee to provide any further contributions relating to the elements for an initial draft set of recommended principles for space resource activities. The Working Group further agreed that, on the basis of the discussions held in its meetings during the above-mentioned session of the Legal Subcommittee and the contributions received, its Chair and Vice-Chair would prepare an initial draft set of recommended principles for space resource activities (A/79/20, annex III, para. 10).
2. Subsequently, the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Working Group, through an Information Circular dated 22 July 2024 (OOSA/2024/43, CU 2024/221) and the Vice-Chair of the Working Group through an Information Circular dated 28 January 2025 (OOSA/2025/6, CU 2025/21), invited States members of the Committee and organizations having permanent observer status with the Committee to provide any further contributions relating to the elements for an initial draft set of recommended principles for space resource activities.
3. On the basis of those contributions and discussions held in the meetings of the Working Group, its Vice-Chair, Mr. Steven Freeland (Australia), has prepared an initial draft set of recommended principles for space resource activities as contained in the enclosure to the present circular.
4. Pursuant to the agreement of the Working Group and as announced by its Chair and Vice-Chair in the invitation circular of 22 July 2024, the Vice-Chair wishes to invite States members of the Committee to an online intersessional meeting on 24 April 2025, from 1 to 2.30 p.m. CEST. A separate information circular will be circulated in due course to States members of the Committee with technical details concerning online participation.