

Recommended Principles for Space Resource Activities

Submission by the Kingdom of Bahrain to the Working Group on Legal Aspects of Space Resource Activities of the Legal Subcommittee of COPUOS

The Kingdom of Bahrain, represented by the National Space Science Agency (NSSA), a public institution governing the space sector in Bahrain, hereby submits its recommendations for drafting principles on Space Resource Activities.

These recommendations are rooted in the core principles of the Outer Space Treaty. Article 1 of the Treaty emphasizes that the exploration and use of outer space shall be carried out for the benefit and in the interests of all countries, irrespective of their level of economic or scientific development. In alignment with this article, we assert that the foundation of these principles should emphasize the importance of benefiting humankind.

Accordingly, we propose the following principles for the initial draft:

1. **Benefit of Humanity:** Space Resource Activities must be conducted to the highest extent possible for the betterment of Earth and mankind.
2. **Environmental Preservation:** All Space Resource Activities conducted on the moon or other celestial bodies must preserve the environment in which they are performed and ensure that no irreparable damage is caused.
3. **Adherence to Legal Frameworks:** Ensure strict adherence to the Outer Space Treaty and to International Law.
4. **Transparency:** Maintain transparency of scientific results and research conducted.
5. **Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons:** Prohibit the use of nuclear weapons in outer space, including for mining, extraction, and other purposes.
6. **Cooperation and Coordination:** Foster cooperation, coordination, and communication among space actors to avoid harmful interference in conducting these activities.