

**Consultations by the Chair and Vice-Chair of the  
Working Group on Legal Aspects of Space Resource Activities  
with regard to the Scope and Topics to be addressed at the  
International Conference to be held in 2024**

1. As agreed by consensus by the States members of the Committee at the 61<sup>st</sup> Session of the Legal Subcommittee of the Committee, the five-year workplan and methods of work of the Working Group on Legal Aspects of Space Resource Activities (Working Group) requires a number of tasks to be undertaken in 2023, including that States members of the Committee:

“Discuss and reach agreement on the arrangements for a dedicated international conference under the auspices of the United Nations, in accordance with the terms of reference of the Working Group (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.”

2. As agreed by the States members of the Committee at the 62<sup>nd</sup> Session of the Legal Subcommittee of the Committee, and noted in the Report of the Legal Subcommittee (A/AC.105/1285 para 202):

“The Subcommittee requested the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Working Group to continue consultations, in the intersessional period, on the scope and topics to be addressed at the international conference on space resources under the Five-year workplan of the Working Group and to consult with the Chair of the Committee and with the Secretariat regarding the scheduling of the sixty-sixth session of the Committee so as to enable the Working Group to meet during that session and benefit from interpretation services. In that regard, the Subcommittee recommended the Committee also consider the matter at its sixty-sixth session.”

3. In accordance with this requirement and consistent with the inclusive, open and transparent nature of the Working Group, the Chair and Vice-Chair invite States members to provide their written views, in any format that they consider appropriate, with regard to the **scope and topics of the international conference and with a view to reaching an agreement on the arrangements for that conference**. The views of developing and emerging spacefaring countries are encouraged.
4. Written contributions received from States members will be consolidated and reproduced as received in a Conference Room Paper prepared by the secretariat for consideration by the Working Group at the sixty-sixth session of the Committee taking place from 31 May to 9 June 2023.
5. It would therefore be appreciated if any written views of States members could be sent to the Chair Andrzej Misztal, Vice-Chair Steven Freeland and secretariat at [andrzej.misztal@outlook.com](mailto:andrzej.misztal@outlook.com), [S.Freeland@westernsydney.edu.au](mailto:S.Freeland@westernsydney.edu.au), and [unoosa-spacelaw@un.org](mailto:unoosa-spacelaw@un.org), respectively, no later than **26 May 2023**.