



With reference to the Invitation Circular (Reference No. OOSA/2022/40-CU 2022/197) dated 1 July 2022, here is the official reply of the Kingdom of Bahrain through the National Space Science Agency (NSSA) on the invitation of the Chair and Vice-Chair to State members to provide their views with regard to the mandate and purpose of the Working Group:

- The type of space resources that fall within the mandate and scope of the Working Group.
 - Space laws, resolutions, etc. adopted and applied in each state members
 - United Nations treaties and resolutions relevant to space and space utilizations
 - UNOOSA and COPUOS decisions and recommendations
- The type of activities that fall within the mandate and scope of the Working Group.
 - Holding regular meetings for state members to discuss legal aspects and to collect feedback
 - Monitoring new trends/activities in the space industry and discussing them with state members to set legal frameworks and standards
 - Revise UN space treaties and suggest new ones to accommodate the new trends/activities in the space industry
- The type of information to be collected by the Working Group in accordance with its mandate.
 - Create a database for the space legal status of each state's members
 - Collect and analyze state members' feedback and suggestions on the legal aspects relevant to the space industry
 - Create a database for space legal experts and specialists in each state's members
- The views of States members regarding the existing legal framework for space resource activities.
 - Surveying the purpose and provide a good source of information on the status of each state's members
- The current practices and challenges in the implementation of the existing legal framework for such activities.
 - Currently there is no consistency between state members in submitting the required information
 - Main challenge is to validate the collected information



- The benefits and challenges to the development of a framework for such activities.
 - Benefits:
 - To have a good model to be adopted by state members
 - To build on best practices and experiences
 - Challenges:
 - To convince state members to submit the required information, as currently, it is optional
 - To meet all state members' expectations
- The relevant factors for the development of a set of initial recommended principles for such activities.
 - Getting the majority of state members' agreement on the adopted principles
 - Practicality of the selected factors
 - Cost and time for the implementations
- The format, agenda, topics and other details of the dedicated conference (currently) scheduled for 2024.
 - Format:
 - Keynote speakers
 - Panel discussions
 - Committees and sub-committees meeting with a special focus on certain topics
 - Agenda:
 - Importance of international legal space collaborations
 - Addressing new space industry trends and activities
 - Sharing case studies
 - Current status of space law in state members and how to improve it
 - Topics:
 - Space debris
 - Space traffic management
 - Space activities privatization
 - Colonization of celestial objects
 - Space mining
 - Utilization of space resources
 - Are the UN space treaties still standing?
 - Is there a need for an international space law?
 - Access to space especially for emerging nations
 - How to maintain/support a new generation in the space law field
 - Space activities insurance
 - The need for an international space court



- Any other background or information paper, or any other views, that States members may wish to share.

It is important to distinguish between emerging and well-established countries in space activities in applying any new rules/restrictions/conditions in utilizing the space.

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