

## Part 1

### Initial Draft Set of Recommended Principles for Space Resource Activities

***Recognizing*** the common interest of all humankind in the progress of the exploration and use of outer space, including space resource activities, for *[exclusively]* peaceful purposes *[and underscoring the importance of [responsible] stewardship and sustainable use of its [space] resources for both present and future generations]*.

*[Recognizing that [the exploration and use of] outer space is the province of all humankind and underscoring the importance of [responsible] stewardship and sustainable use of its [space] resources for both present and future generations.]*

*[Believing][Recognizing]* that the exploration and use of outer space, including space resource activities, should be conducted for the betterment of all humankind and for the benefit and in the interests of all States, irrespective of their degree of economic or scientific development, and shall be the province of all humankind.

***Recognizing*** that space resource activities can provide *[critical]* support for the safe and sustainable exploration and use of outer space, including the Moon and other celestial bodies.

**Desiring** to promote *[understanding and]* broad international cooperation in the conduct of space resource activities *[and develop a set of initial recommended principles for such activities],*

**Taking into account** the need to ensure that *space resource activities* ~~they~~ are carried out in accordance with international law and in a safe, sustainable, *[rational], [responsible]* and peaceful manner.

*[Noting the need to [identify best practices and to] have legal clarity on space resources and space resource activities.]*

**Bearing in mind** *[the mandate of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space to discuss space resources] [the importance of] [the widest possible adherence to and] full compliance with the Outer Space Treaty, and the role of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (UNCOPUOS) in discussing the establishment of new frameworks for [space traffic, space debris and] space resources.<sup>1</sup>*

*[Taking into account that space resources as an object of legal regulation are an integral part of outer space.]*

**Recognizing** the Outer Space Treaty as the cornerstone of the international legal regime governing outer space activities, including space resource activities.

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<sup>1</sup> Resolution 79/1, action 56.

*[**Recognizing** the understanding of COPUOS [member] states that these principles do not create any legally binding rights or obligations; and are not intended to affect the [member] states' [existing] rights and obligations under international law [, including international space law].]*

*[**Noting** that the following recommended principles may complement but not substitute relevant provisions of international law[, including the United Nations Outer Space Treaties, [as well as guidelines, principles and recommendations on outer space activities][international space law]].]*

***Affirming** that[, in conducting] space resource activities[, States] [shall][should] be guided by the following principles.*