Possible decisions for the Working Group on the Long-term Sustainability of Outer Space Activities at the 61st STSC

Non-paper by the Chair of the Working Group on the Long-term Sustainability of Outer Space Activities

Note: The below does not reflect a draft report of the Working Group at this session. The draft report of the Working Group will be produced, in all the official languages of the United Nations, following the formal meeting of the Working Group on 7 Feb.

1. The Working Group agrees to hold an informal virtual meeting in the April/May 2024 time period to discuss approaches to categorising challenges to the long-term sustainability of outer space activities, with the view to including the ideas of all States. This informal meeting will be used to seek feedback on the approaches ahead of future meetings.

2. The Working Group requests the Chair of the Working Group on the Long-term Sustainability of Outer Space Activities to coordinate with the Chair of the Committee and the Secretariat to make arrangements for the Working Group to be able to meet during the sixty-seventh session of the Committee, in June 2024, making use of available interpretation services.

3. The Working Group agrees to, during its meetings at the sixty-seventh session of the Committee in June, work through the challenges to the long-term sustainability of outer space activities in a sequential manner. The intention would be to develop a detailed understanding behind the challenges and potentially uncover new challenges not previously discussed.