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Proposed amendment to Article X:

Add a final paragraph 8 to the text worked out in informal consultations and considered by Working Group I at the twelfth session of the Legal Sub-Committee (Annex I(c) of A/AC.105/115):

The State Parties may engage in exploration for experimental purposes of the moon and other celestial bodies on the following terms and conditions:

- (1) States Parties planning such exploration of the moon and other celestial bodies shall notify the Secretary-General of the United Nations, in advance, about the details of their mission, namely, the areas of the moon and other celestial bodies to be explored, the experiments to be conducted,
- (2) In carrying out such exploration, States Parties may collect on and remove from the moon and other celestial bodies samples of minerals and other substances. Property in such samples shall vest in the United Nations.
- (3) States Parties shall permit participation of other States in each mission to the moon and other celestial bodies for such exploration.
- (4) States Parties shall deposit with the Secretary-General of the United Nations all information about the samples and other data and their analysis thereof.
- (5) States Parties shall disseminate to all requesting States as well as other organizations, the samples and the data received from the exploration of the moon and other celestial bodies, including information regarding the techniques of analysis of such samples and data.
- (6) The Secretary-General of the United Nations shall make an annual report to the General Assembly about such activities.