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Uses of Outer Space**
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**Report of the Legal Subcommittee on its
fifty-eighth session**

**Proposal by the United Arab Emirates on the work related
to Space Resources Utilization of the Committee on the
Peaceful Uses of Outer Space**

1. Pursuant to the Report of the Legal Subcommittee on its fifty-eighth session, held in Vienna from 1 to 12 April 2019, para. 278 of Section XIV on Proposal to the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space for new items to be considered by the Legal Subcommittee at its fifty-ninth session, scheduled informal consultations were to be held at the fifty-ninth session of the Subcommittee, in 2020.
2. This proposal is submitted in support of the possible establishment of a working group related to the Space Resources Utilization of the Committee of the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, as per para. 279 of the aforementioned report.
3. Considering efforts made by other Member States and groups such as The Hague International Space Resources Governance Working Group, in which the United Arab Emirates has been an active participant.
4. This paper is considered as a first effort by the United Arab Emirates to contribute towards the discussions in Space Resources Utilization informal consultations.

I. The rationale of establishing a working group

5. Space resource utilization activities is a result of the technological development which lead to a situation where humanity realized their capability to conduct such activities that was previously not possible. In recent years, this technological development was radically advanced as seen in space exploration and experiences related to space resources utilization.
6. Recognizing the importance of establishing a working group that serve as a platform to create a unified strategic conversation among Member States.
7. This working group will lead the discussions towards the development of a recommended set of principles governing Space Resources Utilization activities,

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which the working group will submit to the Committee of the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space for its consideration.

II. Proposed methodology of work:

8. The United Arab Emirates proposes that the working group be open to all States members of the Committee and Permanent Observers, as appropriate. It conducts its work according to the rules of procedure and practices related to the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space. The working group meet during the Committee of the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee and the Legal Subcommittee in: 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2024.

9. It is recommended that the working consider the following area of work:

(a) Defining the issues and sub-issues in a form of questions. Those questions may address: barriers, missed opportunities or untapped demands;

(b) Analysing the current status quo of space resources utilizations, specifically the technological and legal factors. This includes an identification and analysis of current practices by Member States and other relevant organizations;

(c) Identify the desired impact and derive the outcomes and outputs of the anticipated changes.
