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**Committee on the Peaceful  
Uses of Outer Space  
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Vienna, 12–21 June 2019**

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\* The present document was not submitted within the period required by the 10-week rule owing to the need to await the finalization of the report of the Legal Subcommittee on its fifty-eighth session, held from 1 to 12 April 2019.



## II. Annotations\*

### 1. Opening of the session

The sixty-second session of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space will be opened on the morning of Wednesday, 12 June 2019.

### 2. Adoption of the agenda

The agenda will be adopted immediately after the opening of the session.

### 3. Statement by the Chair

Following the adoption of the agenda by the Committee, the Chair will make a statement reviewing developments of relevance to the work of the Committee that have taken place since its sixty-first session.

### 4. General exchange of views

The Committee will begin its substantive work with a general exchange of views. As a general rule, statements should not exceed 10 minutes.

### 5. Ways and means of maintaining outer space for peaceful purposes

In paragraph 14 of its resolution [73/91](#), the General Assembly requested the Committee to continue to consider, as a matter of priority, ways and means of maintaining outer space for peaceful purposes and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its seventy-fourth session, and agreed that the Committee should continue to consider the broader perspective of space security and associated matters that would be instrumental in ensuring the safe and responsible conduct of space activities, including ways to promote international, regional and interregional cooperation to that end.

The Committee will have before it a working paper submitted by the Russian Federation entitled “Survey of the problem of discretion exercised by States in interpreting basic legal principles and norms related to safety and security in outer space” ([A/AC.105/L.319](#)), which was made available to the Committee at its sixty-first session as a conference room paper ([A/AC.105/2018/CRP.17](#)).

### 6. Report of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee on its fifty-sixth session

In accordance with paragraph 9 of General Assembly resolution [73/91](#), the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee, at its fifty-sixth session, considered the following substantive items:

(a) United Nations Programme on Space Applications ([A/AC.105/1202](#), paras. 48–76);

(b) Space technology for sustainable socioeconomic development ([A/AC.105/1202](#), paras. 77–93 and annex I);

(c) Matters relating to remote sensing of the Earth by satellite, including applications for developing countries and monitoring of the Earth’s environment ([A/AC.105/1202](#), paras. 94–107);

(d) Space debris ([A/AC.105/1202](#), paras. 108–143);

(e) Space-system-based disaster management support ([A/AC.105/1202](#), paras. 144–168);

(f) Recent developments in global navigation satellite systems ([A/AC.105/1202](#), paras. 169–190);

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\* The annotations and the indicative schedule of work are not part of the agenda to be adopted by the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space.

- (g) Space weather (A/AC.105/1202, paras. 191–209);
- (h) Near-Earth objects (A/AC.105/1202, paras. 210–228);
- (i) Long-term sustainability of outer space activities (A/AC.105/1202, paras. 229–263);
- (j) Use of nuclear power sources in outer space (A/AC.105/1202, paras. 264–273 and annex II);
- (k) Space and global health (A/AC.105/1202, paras. 274–284 and annex III)
- (l) Examination of the physical nature and technical attributes of the geostationary orbit and its utilization and applications, including in the field of space communications, as well as other questions relating to developments in space communications, taking particular account of the needs and interests of developing countries, without prejudice to the role of the International Telecommunication Union (A/AC.105/1202, paras. 285–294);
- (m) Draft provisional agenda for the fifty-seventh session of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee (A/AC.105/1202, paras. 295–298).

#### *United Nations Programme on Space Applications*

The Committee will have before it the report on the United Nations/China Forum on Space Solutions on the theme “Realizing the Sustainable Development Goals”, held in Changsha, China, from 24 to 27 April 2019 (A/AC.105/1210).

In paragraph 24 of its resolution 73/91, the General Assembly encouraged the regional centres for space science and technology education, affiliated to the United Nations, to continue to promote greater participation of women in their education programmes, and agreed that the regional centres should continue to report to the Committee on their activities.

#### *Draft provisional agenda for the fifty-seventh session of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee*

The Subcommittee, at its fifty-sixth session, agreed on the items to be proposed to the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space for inclusion in the agenda of the Subcommittee at its fifty-seventh session (A/AC.105/1202, para. 297).

The Subcommittee noted that, in accordance with the agreement reached by the Subcommittee at its forty-fourth session (A/AC.105/890, annex I, para. 24), the symposium at the fifty-seventh session of the Subcommittee, in 2020, was to be organized by the Office for Outer Space Affairs on the theme “Access to space for all” (A/AC.105/1202, para. 298 and annex I, para. 6).

### **7. Report of the Legal Subcommittee on its fifty-eighth session**

In accordance with paragraph 4 of General Assembly resolution 73/91, the Legal Subcommittee, at its fifty-eighth session, considered the following substantive items:

- (a) Information on the activities of international intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations relating to space law (A/AC.105/1203, paras. 47–64);
- (b) Status and application of the five United Nations treaties on outer space (A/AC.105/1203, paras. 65–82 and annex I);
- (c) Matters relating to the definition and delimitation of outer space and the character and utilization of the geostationary orbit, including consideration of ways and means to ensure the rational and equitable use of the geostationary orbit without prejudice to the role of the International Telecommunication Union (A/AC.105/1203, paras. 83–111 and annex II);

- (d) National legislation relevant to the peaceful exploration and use of outer space ([A/AC.105/1203](#), paras. 112–122);
- (e) Capacity-building in space law ([A/AC.105/1203](#), paras. 123–140);
- (f) Review and possible revision of the Principles Relevant to the Use of Nuclear Power Sources in Outer Space ([A/AC.105/1203](#), paras. 141–150);
- (g) General exchange of information and views on legal mechanisms relating to space debris mitigation and remediation measures, taking into account the work of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee ([A/AC.105/1203](#), paras. 151–185);
- (h) General exchange of information on non-legally binding United Nations instruments on outer space ([A/AC.105/1203](#), paras. 186–198);
- (i) General exchange of views on the legal aspects of space traffic management ([A/AC.105/1203](#), paras. 199–221);
- (j) General exchange of views on the application of international law to small-satellite activities ([A/AC.105/1203](#), paras. 222–238);
- (k) General exchange of views on potential legal models for activities in the exploration, exploitation and utilization of space resources ([A/AC.105/1203](#), paras. 239–267);
- (l) Proposals to the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space for new agenda items to be considered by the Legal Subcommittee at its fifty-ninth session ([A/AC.105/1203](#), paras. 268–283).

*Proposals 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*

The Subcommittee, at its fifty-eighth session, agreed on the items to be proposed to the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space for inclusion in the agenda of the Subcommittee at its fifty-ninth session ([A/AC.105/1203](#), para. 271).

The Subcommittee agreed that the International Institute of Space Law and the European Centre for Space Law should again be invited to organize a symposium, to be held during its fifty-ninth session ([A/AC.105/1203](#), para. 282).

## **8. Space and sustainable development**

The deliberations of the Committee at its sixty-first session on its agenda item on space and sustainable development are reflected in its report ([A/73/20](#), paras. 293–305).

## **9. Spin-off benefits of space technology: review of current status**

The deliberations of the Committee at its sixty-first session on its agenda item entitled “Spin-off benefits of space technology: review of current status” are reflected in its report ([A/73/20](#), paras. 306–313).

## **10. Space and water**

The deliberations of the Committee at its sixty-first session on its agenda item on space and water are reflected in its report ([A/73/20](#), paras. 314–320).

## **11. Space and climate change**

The deliberations of the Committee at its sixty-first session on its agenda item on space and climate change are reflected in its report ([A/73/20](#), paras. 321–331).

## 12. Use of space technology in the United Nations system

The deliberations of the Committee at its sixty-first session on its agenda item on the use of space technology in the United Nations system are reflected in its report (A/73/20, paras. 332–345).

The Committee will have before it the special report of the Inter-Agency Meeting on Outer Space Activities (UN-Space) on partnerships in the use and applications of space science and technology within the United Nations system (A/AC.105/1200), and the report of UN-Space on its thirty-eighth session and fourteenth open session (A/AC.105/1209).

## 13. Future role of the Committee

The deliberations of the Committee at its sixty-first session on its agenda item on the future role of the Committee are reflected in its report (A/73/20, paras. 346–355).

The Committee, at its sixty-first session, agreed to the multi-year workplan on the governance and method of work of the Committee and its subsidiary bodies, as recommended by the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee and the Legal Subcommittee at their sessions in 2018 (A/AC.105/1167, annex I, paras. 16 and 17; and A/AC.105/1177, annex I, para. 9). The Committee decided, in that regard, that the work under the multi-year workplan be conducted under the current item of the Committee entitled “Future role of the Committee” (A/73/20, para. 382).

The Committee will have before it the note by the Secretariat on the governance and method of work of the Committee and its subsidiary bodies (A/AC.105/C.1/L.377), which was made available to the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee and Legal Subcommittee at their respective sessions in 2019.

The work for 2019 under the multi-year workplan is reflected in the reports of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee and the Legal Subcommittee on their respective sessions in 2019 (A/AC.105/1202, annex I and appendix; and A/AC.105/1203, paras. 272–277).

## 14. Space exploration and innovation

The Committee, at its sixty-first session, agreed to include on its agenda a regular item entitled “Space exploration and innovation”, as recommended in the note by the Secretariat on thematic priority 1 of UNISPACE+50 (A/AC.105/1168) (A/73/20, para. 364).

The Committee will have before it the report on the United Nations/Jordan Workshop on Global Partnership in Space Exploration and Innovation, held in Amman from 25 to 28 March 2019 (A/AC.105/1208).

## 15. “Space2030” agenda

The Committee, at its sixty-first session, agreed to include on its agenda an item under a multi-year workplan, entitled “‘Space2030’ agenda”, which is to remain on the agenda of the Committee until its sixty-third session, in 2020 (A/73/20, paras. 358–363).

In accordance with the decision of the Committee, the Working Group on the “Space2030” Agenda was established and held an intersessional meeting from 7 to 11 October 2018; it also held meetings during the respective sessions of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee and the Legal Subcommittee in 2019. Summary reports of the Working Group on the “Space2030” Agenda of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space are contained in the respective reports of the subcommittees (A/AC.105/1202, annex IV; and A/AC.105/1203, annex III).

The Committee will have before it a working paper submitted by the Bureau of the Working Group on the “Space2030” Agenda (A/AC.105/L.317) containing a

consolidated draft of the “Space2030” agenda and implementation plan, for further negotiations during the meetings of the Working Group at the sixty-second session of the Committee.

**16. Other matters**

The deliberations of the Committee at its sixty-first session under its agenda item entitled “Other matters” are reflected in its report ([A/73/20](#), paras. 356–385).

*Permanent observer status with the Committee*

The Legal Subcommittee, at its fifty-eighth session, took note of the application of the Moon Village Association for permanent observer status with the Committee ([A/AC.105/1203](#), para. 18). The Committee will have that application before it for consideration at its sixty-second session.

*Other matters*

The Committee may wish to discuss matters in addition to those listed above, as appropriate.

## Annex

## Indicative schedule of work of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space at its sixty-second session\*

1. The schedule of work laid out below is a general guide to the dates and times when agenda items will be addressed during the course of the session. The consideration of all agenda items can be advanced, extended or delayed, depending on the requirements of the members of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space and any organizational constraints faced during the course of the session.

2. The number of statements to be made at each meeting under item 4, entitled “General exchange of views”, may be limited, as necessary, in order to allow sufficient time for other agenda items to be considered as planned for each meeting. As a general rule, statements should not exceed 10 minutes in duration (A/70/20, para. 357 and A/AC.105/1088, para. 275 (b)).

3. Technical presentations should be limited to three per meeting, they should be closely linked to the agenda items of the Committee and they should not exceed 15 minutes in duration. The Chair should remind delegations if that length of time is exceeded (A/70/20, para. 357 and A/AC.105/1088, para. 275 (c)).

<i>Date</i>	<i>Morning</i>	<i>Afternoon</i>
<b>12–14 June 2019</b>		
Wednesday, 12 June	Item 1. Opening of the session Item 2. Adoption of the agenda Item 3. Statement by the Chair Item 4. General exchange of views	Item 4. General exchange of views Item 5. Ways and means of maintaining outer space for peaceful purposes Item 15. “Space2030” agenda <sup>a</sup> Technical presentations
Thursday, 13 June	Item 4. General exchange of views Item 5. Ways and means of maintaining outer space for peaceful purposes Item 6. Report of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee on its fifty-sixth session Item 15. “Space2030” agenda <sup>a</sup> Technical presentations	Item 4. General exchange of views Item 5. Ways and means of maintaining outer space for peaceful purposes Item 6. Report of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee on its fifty-sixth session Item 15. “Space2030” agenda <sup>a</sup> Technical presentations
Friday, 14 June	Item 4. General exchange of views Item 6. Report of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee on its fifty-sixth session Item 7. Report of the Legal Subcommittee on its fifty-eighth session	Item 4. General exchange of views Item 6. Report of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee on its fifty-sixth session Item 7. Report of the Legal Subcommittee on its fifty-eighth session

\* At its thirty-eighth session, the Committee agreed that member States would continue to be provided with an indicative schedule of work, which would be without prejudice to the actual timing of consideration of specific agenda items (A/50/20, para. 169 (b)).

<i>Date</i>	<i>Morning</i>	<i>Afternoon</i>
	Item 13. Future role of the Committee Technical presentations	Item 14. Space exploration and innovation Technical presentations
<b>17–21 June 2019</b>		
Monday, 17 June	Item 4. General exchange of views Item 7. Report of the Legal Subcommittee on its fifty-eighth session Item 8. Space and sustainable development Item 14. Space exploration and innovation Technical presentations	Item 4. General exchange of views Item 7. Report of the Legal Subcommittee on its fifty-eighth session Item 8. Space and sustainable development Item 14. Space exploration and innovation Technical presentations
Tuesday, 18 June	Item 4. General exchange of views Item 8. Space and sustainable development Item 9. Spin-off benefits of space technology: review of current status Item 10. Space and water Technical presentations	Item 4. General exchange of views Item 9. Spin-off benefits of space technology: review of current status Item 10. Space and water Item 11. Space and climate change Technical presentations
Wednesday, 19 June	Item 9. Spin-off benefits of space technology: review of current status Item 10. Space and water Item 11. Space and climate change Item 13. Future role of the Committee Technical presentations	Item 11. Space and climate change Item 12. Use of space technology in the United Nations system Item 13. Future role of the Committee Item 16. Other matters Technical presentations
Thursday, 20 June	Item 12. Use of space technology in the United Nations system Item 13. Future role of the Committee Item 16. Other matters Technical presentations	Item 12. Use of space technology in the United Nations system Item 16. Other matters Adoption of the report of the Working Group on the “Space2030” Agenda Technical presentations
Friday, 21 June	Item 17. Report of the Committee to the General Assembly	Item 17. Report of the Committee to the General Assembly

<sup>a</sup> The Working Group on the “Space2030” Agenda, to be reconvened pursuant to paragraph 2 of General Assembly resolution 73/91, will meet during the session for its consideration of item 15. The Committee will resume its consideration of the item on Thursday, 20 June, in order to endorse the report of the Working Group.