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Chapter I

Introduction

1. The Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space held its sixty-fifth session in Vienna from 1 to 10 June 2022, in a hybrid format (in person and online). The officers of the Committee were as follows:

   - **Chair**: Omran Sharaf (United Arab Emirates)
   - **First Vice-Chair**: Jenni Tapio (Finland)
   - **Second Vice-Chair/Rapporteur**: Oleg Ventskovsky (Ukraine)

A. Meetings of subsidiary bodies

2. The Scientific and Technical Subcommittee of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space held its fifty-ninth session in Vienna from 7 to 18 February 2022, in a hybrid format, with Juan Francisco Facetti (Paraguay) as Chair. The report of the Subcommittee was before the Committee (A/AC.105/1258).

3. The Legal Subcommittee of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space held its sixty-first session in Vienna from 28 March to 8 April 2022, also in a hybrid format, with Nomfuneko Majaja (South Africa) as Chair. The report of the Subcommittee was before the Committee (A/AC.105/1260).

B. Adoption of the agenda

4. At its 786th meeting, on 1 June, the Committee adopted the following agenda:
   1. Opening of the session.
   2. Adoption of the agenda.
   3. Election of officers.
   4. Statement by the Chair.
   5. General exchange of views.
6. Ways and means of maintaining outer space for peaceful purposes.
9. Space and sustainable development.
11. Space and water.
12. Space and climate change.
13. Use of space technology in the United Nations system.
15. Space exploration and innovation.
17. Other matters.

C. Election of officers

5. At the 786th meeting of the Committee, on 1 June, Omran Sharaf (United Arab Emirates) was elected Chair of the Committee, Jenni Tapio (Finland) was elected First Vice-Chair, and Oleg Ventskovsky (Ukraine) was elected Second Vice-Chair/Rapporteur for the period 2022–2023.

6. At the same meeting, the Committee endorsed the election of Juan Francisco Facetti (Paraguay) as Chair of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee and Nomfuneko Majaja (South Africa) as Chair of the Legal Subcommittee for the period 2022–2023.

D. Membership

7. In accordance with General Assembly resolutions 1472 A (XIV), 1721 E (XVI), 3182 (XXVIII), 32/196 B, 35/16, 49/33, 56/51, 57/116, 59/116, 62/217, 65/97, 66/71, 68/75, 69/85, 71/90, 72/77, 74/82, 76/76 and decisions 45/315, 67/412, 67/528, 70/518 and 73/517, the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space was composed of the following 100 States: Albania, Algeria, Angola, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Belarus, Belgium, Benin, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Brazil, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Canada, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechia, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Finland, France, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Israel, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Mauritius, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Tunisia, Türkiye, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uruguay, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) and Viet Nam.
E. Attendance

8. Representatives of the following [...] States members of the Committee attended the session: Algeria, Angola, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Belarus, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechia, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Finland, France, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Israel, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lebanon, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Mauritius, Mexico, Morocco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Tunisia, Türkiye, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, United States, Uruguay and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of).

9. The session was attended by representatives of the European Union, in its capacity as permanent observer of the Committee and in accordance with General Assembly resolutions 65/276 and 73/91.

10. At its 786th meeting, the Committee decided to admit Uzbekistan as an observer, at its request, to attend the session and to address it, as appropriate, on the understanding that it would be without prejudice to further requests of that nature and that doing so would not involve any decision of the Committee concerning status.

11. At its 786th meeting, the Committee also decided to admit the Holy See as an observer, at its request, to attend the session and to address it, as appropriate, on the understanding that it would be without prejudice to further requests of that nature and that doing so would not involve any decision of the Committee concerning status.

12. Observers for the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the International Atomic Energy Agency, the International Civil Aviation Organization, the International Telecommunications Union and the Office for Disarmament Affairs of the Secretariat attended the session.

13. The session was attended by observers for the following intergovernmental organizations having permanent observer status with the Committee: Asia-Pacific Space Cooperation Organization (APSCO), Committee on Earth Observation Satellites (CEOS), European Organization for Astronomical Research in the Southern Hemisphere, European Space Agency (ESA), European Telecommunications Satellite Organization, International Institute for the Unification of Private Law (UNIDROIT), International Organization of Space Communications (Intersputnik) and Square Kilometre Array Observatory.

14. The session was also attended by observers for the following non-governmental organizations having permanent observer status with the Committee: For All Moonkind, International Astronautical Federation (IAF), International Astronomical Union (IAU), International Institute of Space Law (IISL), International Law Association (ILA), Moon Village Association (MVA), National Space Society (NSS), Open Lunar Foundation, Prince Sultan bin Abdulaziz International Prize for Water (PSIPW), Scientific Committee on Solar-Terrestrial Physics (SCOSTEP), Secure World Foundation, Space Generation Advisory Council (SGAC), University Space Engineering Consortium-Global (UNISEC-Global) and World Space Week Association.

15. At its 786th meeting, the Committee decided to admit the Hague Institute for Global Justice as an observer, at its request, to attend the session and to address it, as appropriate, on the understanding that it would be without prejudice to further requests of that nature and that doing so would not involve any decision of the Committee concerning status.
16. A list of representatives of States members of the Committee, United Nations entities and other organizations attending the session is contained in A/AC.105/2022/INF/[…].

F. General statements

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G. Adoption of the report of the Committee

17. After considering the various items before it, the Committee, at its […] meeting, on […] June 2022, adopted its report to the General Assembly containing the recommendations and decisions set out below.