



**Committee on the Peaceful
Uses of Outer Space
Sixty-fifth session
Vienna, 1–10 June 2022****Draft report****Addendum****Chapter II****Recommendations and decisions****I. Future role and method of work of the Committee**

1. The view was expressed that the Committee should appeal to the open-ended working group established pursuant to General Assembly resolution [76/231](#) to abstain from considering issues that were covered by the Committee and reflected in its decisions taken before the establishment of the working group.
2. Some delegations expressed the view that General Assembly resolution [76/231](#) was sufficient to clearly define the mandate of the open-ended working group. The delegations expressing that view were also of the view that the open-ended working group was open to the participation of all States Members of the United Nations and that the call to avoid overlaps between the work of the Committee and that of the working group would more appropriately be made in the meetings of the working group itself.
3. Some delegations expressed the view that the recorded votes against General Assembly resolution [76/231](#), as well as the abstentions from voting, demonstrated the contentious nature of the open-ended working group.
4. Some delegations expressed the view that the consideration of issues relating to security and safety was within the purview of the Disarmament and International Security Committee (First Committee) of the General Assembly.
5. Some delegations expressed the view that the work of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, which included the development of the Guidelines for the Long-Term Sustainability of Outer Space Activities, evidenced the Committee's role in enhancing the sustainability, security and safety of space operations.
6. The Committee noted that a joint panel discussion of the Disarmament and International Security Committee (First Committee) and the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) of the General Assembly on possible challenges to space security and sustainability, with the joint support of the Office for



Outer Space Affairs and the Office for Disarmament Affairs, would be held in New York on 27 October 2022, and agreed that the joint panel discussion should address the overlaps and synergies between the work of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space and that of the open-ended working group.

L. Other matters

7. The Committee considered the agenda item entitled “Other matters”, in accordance with General Assembly resolution [76/76](#).

8. The representatives of Canada, China, Germany, Japan, Mexico, the Russian Federation and the United States made statements under the agenda item. The representative of the European Union, in its capacity as permanent observer, also made a statement on behalf of the European Union and its member States. During the general exchange of views, statements relating to the item were also made by representatives of other member States.

1. Composition of the bureaux of the Committee and its subsidiary bodies for the period 2022–2023

9. The Committee recalled that in paragraph 11 of its resolution [58/89](#), the General Assembly had endorsed the agreement reached by the Committee on the future composition of the bureaux of the Committee and its subsidiary bodies ([A/58/20](#), annex II, paras. 5–9), on the basis of the measures relating to the working methods of the Committee and its subsidiary bodies (see [A/52/20](#), annex I, and [A/58/20](#), annex II, appendix III), which had previously been endorsed by the Assembly in its resolution [52/56](#).

10. The Committee further recalled that, in accordance with the measures relating to the future composition of the bureaux of the Committee and its subsidiary bodies, the Committee should reach agreement at its sixty-fifth session on all officers of the bureaux for the period 2024–2025.

11. The Committee noted that no regional groups had made their nominations, and therefore encouraged regional groups to make the required nominations either before the consideration by the Fourth Committee of the draft resolution on international cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space at the seventy-seventh session of the General Assembly, in 2022, or before the sixty-sixth session of the Committee, in 2023.

2. Membership of the Committee

12. The Committee took note of the application of Guatemala for membership in the Committee ([A/AC.105/2022/CRP.3](#)) and decided to recommend to the General Assembly at its seventy-seventh session, in 2022, that Guatemala should become a member of the Committee.

13. The Committee took note of the application of Uzbekistan for membership in the Committee ([A/AC.105/2022/CRP.4](#)) and decided to recommend to the General Assembly at its seventy-seventh session, in 2022, that Uzbekistan should become a member of the Committee.

3. Observer status

14. With regard to the applications of non-governmental organizations for the status of permanent observer with the Committee, the Committee recalled its agreement at its fifty-third session, in 2010 ([A/65/20](#), para. 311), that observer status would be granted to non-governmental organizations on a provisional basis, for a period of three years, pending information on the status of their application for consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, that the provisional observer status could be extended for an additional year, if necessary, and that it would grant

permanent observer status to such non-governmental organizations upon confirmation of their consultative status with the Council.

15. The Committee took note of the application of the Association for the Development of the Atlantic International Research Centre for permanent observer status with the Committee. The application and the relevant correspondence were before the Committee in conference room paper A/AC.105/2022/CRP.5.

16. The Committee decided to grant the Association for the Development of the Atlantic International Research Centre the status of observer, on a provisional basis, for a period of three years, pending information on the status of its application for consultative status with the Economic and Social Council.

17. The Committee took note of the application of the Access Space Alliance for permanent observer status with the Committee. The application and the relevant correspondence were before the Committee in conference room paper A/AC.105/2022/CRP.6.

18. The Committee decided to grant the Access Space Alliance the status of observer, on a provisional basis, for a period of three years, pending information on the status of its application for consultative status with the Economic and Social Council.

19. The Committee took note of the application of the Hague Institute for Global Justice for permanent observer status with the Committee. The application and the relevant correspondence were before the Committee in conference room paper A/AC.105/2022/CRP.7.

20. The Committee decided to grant the Hague Institute for Global Justice the status of observer, on a provisional basis, for a period of three years, pending information on the status of its application for consultative status with the Economic and Social Council.

21. The Committee took note of the application of the International Peace Alliance (Space) for permanent observer status with the Committee. The application and the relevant correspondence were before the Committee in conference room paper A/AC.105/2022/CRP.8.

22. The Committee decided to grant the International Peace Alliance (Space) the status of observer, on a provisional basis, for a period of three years, pending information on the status of its application for consultative status with the Economic and Social Council.

4. Other matters

23. The Committee took note of a non-paper by the Chair of the Committee, made available at the present session of the Committee, and noted that the Chair had noted the special role of the Committee and its subcommittees as unique platforms for international cooperation in the exploration and use of outer space for peaceful purposes and therefore the importance of their discussion, at their respective sessions in 2023, as appropriate, of the Summit of the Future to take place in September 2023; that the secretariat was to report on the status of the preparations for the Summit of the Future at the sessions of the Committee and its subcommittees to be held in 2023; that the Chair of the Committee, in consultation with the bureaux of the Committee and its subcommittees, intended to present, at the sixtieth session of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee, in 2023, proposed elements for further consideration; that the joint panel discussion of the First and Fourth Committees of the General Assembly, at its seventy-seventh session, in 2022, might address the Summit of the Future and its multi-stakeholder dialogue on outer space; that the topic of the Summit of the Future would be addressed at the World Space Forum 2022 and at a potential United Nations/Portugal conference on the topic of the management and sustainability of space activities to be held in the first half of 2023; and that the overarching basis for the preparations of the Summit of the Future and its multi-stakeholder dialogue

on outer space should be to fully acknowledge the role and work of the Committee and its subcommittees, supported by the Office for Outer Space Affairs, and to take full account of the adopted “Space2030” Agenda.

5. Programme 5, “Peaceful uses of outer space”: proposed programme plan for the period 2023 and programme performance for 2021

24. The Committee had before it the following:

(a) Conference room paper entitled “Programme 5, ‘Peaceful uses of outer space’: proposed programme plan for the period 2023” (A/AC.105/2022/CRP.16);

(b) Proposed programme budget for 2023 (A/77/6 (Sect. 6)).

25. The Committee welcomed the presentation by the Acting Director of the Office for Outer Space Affairs on the proposed programme plan for the period 2023 and the information provided by the Office on key areas of work.

26. The Committee agreed on the proposed programme plan.

27. The Committee noted that footnote d of annex I to the proposed programme budget for 2023 (A/77/6 (Sect. 6)) should be corrected to reflect the correct name of the Ministry of Emergency Management of China.

6. Draft provisional agenda for the sixty-sixth session of the Committee

28. The Committee recommended that the following items should be considered at its sixty-sixth session, in 2023:

1. Opening of the session.
2. Adoption of the agenda.
3. Statement by the Chair.
4. General exchange of views.
5. Ways and means of maintaining outer space for peaceful purposes.
6. Report of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee on its sixtieth session.
7. Report of the Legal Subcommittee on its sixty-second session.
8. Space and sustainable development.
9. Spin-off benefits of space technology: review of current status.
10. Space and water.
11. Space and climate change.
12. Use of space technology in the United Nations system.
13. Future role and method of work of the Committee.
14. Space exploration and innovation.
15. “Space2030” Agenda.
16. Other matters.
17. Report of the Committee to the General Assembly.

29. The Committee noted that an agreement on the proposal contained in conference room paper A/AC.105/2022/CRP.14 to include “Coordination for sustainable lunar activities” as a one-year sub-item of the agenda item on “Space exploration and innovation” at the sixty-sixth session of the Committee could possibly be reached in the intersessional period, that further discussions could be held during the sixtieth session of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee and the sixty-second session of the Legal Subcommittee, and that, in that connection, States should be informed well in advance of the sixty-sixth session of the Committee of any such agreement reached in that regard.

M. Schedule of work of the Committee and its subsidiary bodies

30. The Committee agreed on the following tentative timetable for its session and those of its subcommittees in 2023:

	<i>Date</i>	<i>Location</i>
Scientific and Technical Subcommittee	6–17 February 2023	Vienna
Legal Subcommittee	20–31 March 2023	Vienna
Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space	31 May–9 June 2023	Vienna