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I. Opening of the session

1. The Legal Subcommittee of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space held its sixty-third session at the United Nations Office at Vienna from 15 to 26 April 2024. At its 1054th meeting, on 15 April, Santiago Ripol Carulla (Spain) was elected Chair for the period 2024–2025, pursuant to General Assembly resolution [78/72](#).
2. The Subcommittee held 20 meetings.

II. Adoption of the agenda

3. At its 1054th meeting, the Subcommittee adopted the following agenda:
 1. Adoption of the agenda.
 2. Election of the Chair.
 3. Statement by the Chair.
 4. General exchange of views.
 5. Information on the activities of international intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations relating to space law.
 6. Status and application of the five United Nations treaties on outer space, and ways and means, including capacity-building, to promote their implementation.
 7. Matters relating to:
 - (a) The definition and delimitation of outer space;
 - (b) 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.
 8. Future role and method of work of the Committee.
 9. General exchange of views on potential legal models for activities in the exploration, exploitation and utilization of space resources.
 10. 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.
 11. General exchange of information on non-legally binding United Nations instruments on outer space.
 12. General exchange of views on the legal aspects of space traffic management.
 13. General exchange of views on the application of international law to small-satellite activities.
 14. Proposals to the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space for new items to be considered by the Legal Subcommittee at its sixty-fourth session.
 15. Report to the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space.

III. Attendance

4. Representatives of the following 81 States members of the Committee attended the session: Algeria, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, 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, Kenya, Lebanon, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Mexico, Morocco, Netherlands (Kingdom of the), New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Türkiye, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uruguay and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of).

5. At its 1054th meeting, the Subcommittee decided to invite observers for Honduras, Liechtenstein and Nepal, at their 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.

6. At its 1054th meeting, the Subcommittee also decided to invite the observer for the League of Arab States, 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.

7. Observers for the Office for Disarmament Affairs of the Secretariat, the United Nations Environment Programme and the International Telecommunication Union attended the session.

8. 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](#).

9. The session was attended by observers for the following intergovernmental organizations having permanent observer status with the Committee: Asia-Pacific Space Cooperation Organization, European Space Agency, European Telecommunications Satellite Organization, International Institute for the Unification of Private Law (UNIDROIT), International Organization of Space Communications (Intersputnik) and Square Kilometre Array Observatory.

10. The session was attended by observers for the following non-governmental organizations having permanent observer status with the Committee: Committee on Space Research, European Space Policy Institute, For All Moonkind, International Academy of Astronautics, International Institute of Space Law, Moon Village Association, National Space Society, Open Lunar Foundation, Secure World Foundation, Space Generation Advisory Council and University Space Engineering Consortium-Global.

11. At its 1054th meeting, the Subcommittee decided to invite observers for the Space Data Association and Space Renaissance International, at their 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. The Subcommittee was informed of the nomination for the First Vice-Chair of the Committee for the period 2024–2025 (A/AC.105/C.2/2024/CRP.4).

13. The Subcommittee was informed by the secretariat of the application for membership in the Committee submitted by Djibouti (A/AC.105/C.2/2024/CRP.26), which is to be considered by the Committee at its sixty-seventh session, in 2024.

14. The Subcommittee was informed by the secretariat of the applications for permanent observer status with the Committee submitted by the African Astronomical Society (A/AC.105/C.2/2024/CRP.11), the Global Satellite Operators Association (A/AC.105/C.2/2024/CRP.12), the Space Data Association (A/AC.105/C.2/2024/CRP.13), the Outer Space Institute (A/AC.105/C.2/2024/CRP.32)

and Space Renaissance International (A/AC.105/C.2/2024/CRP.14), which are to be considered by the Committee at its sixty-seventh session, in 2024.

15. A list of the representatives of States, United Nations entities and other international organizations attending the session is contained in document [A/AC.105/C.2/2024/INF/55](#).

IV. Proposal for the agenda of the Subcommittee at its sixty-fourth session

16. The Subcommittee agreed that the following items are to be proposed to the Committee for inclusion in the agenda of the Subcommittee at its sixty-fourth session:

Regular items

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. Statement by the Chair.
3. General exchange of views.
4. Information on the activities of international intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations relating to space law.
5. Status and application of the five United Nations treaties on outer space, and ways and means, including capacity-building, to promote their implementation.
6. Matters relating to:
 - (a) The definition and delimitation of outer space;
 - (b) 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.
7. Future role and method of work of the Committee.

Items under workplans

8. General exchange of views on potential legal models for activities in the exploration, exploitation and utilization of space resources.

(Work for 2025 as reflected in the multi-year workplan of the Working Group on Legal Aspects of Space Resource Activities ([A/AC.105/1260](#), annex II, appendix))

Single issues/items for discussion

9. 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.
10. General exchange of information on non-legally binding United Nations instruments on outer space.
11. General exchange of views on the legal aspects of space traffic management.
12. General exchange of views on the application of international law to small-satellite activities.

New item

13. Proposals to the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space for new items to be considered by the Legal Subcommittee at its sixty-fifth session.

V. Adoption of the report of the Legal Subcommittee

17. At its 1073rd meeting, on 26 April, consensus could not be reached to adopt the report of the Legal Subcommittee on its sixty-third session. The Subcommittee agreed to prepare the present procedural report for adoption by means of a silence procedure. The present report was adopted by means of a silence procedure on 10 June and does not constitute a precedent for future reports.
