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Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space
Legal Subcommittee
Sixty-third session
Vienna, 15–26 April 2024

XII. 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

1. Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 78/72, the Subcommittee considered agenda item 14, entitled “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”, as a regular item on the agenda.

2. The Subcommittee agreed that the following items would 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.

3. The Subcommittee agreed that IISL and ECSL should again be invited to organize a symposium, to be held during the sixty-fourth session of the Subcommittee, with due account to be taken of equitable geographical and gender representation among the participants in order to reflect a broad range of opinions, and that the organizers should seek the cooperation of interested academic entities for that purpose.

4. The Subcommittee noted that its sixty-fourth session had been tentatively scheduled to be held from 5 to 16 May 2025.