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1. Opening of the session

The sixty-seventh session of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space will be opened on the morning of Wednesday, 19 June 2024.

2. Adoption of the agenda

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

3. Election of officers

In paragraph 44 of its resolution [78/72](#), entitled “International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space”, the General Assembly reiterated, with regard to the composition of the bureaux of the Committee and its subcommittees for the period 2024–2025, that the Committee and its subcommittees should elect their officers at their respective sessions in 2024 in accordance with that composition.

At its sixty-sixth session, in 2023, the Committee noted that the African States had endorsed the candidatures of Sherif Mohamed Sedky (Egypt) and Rafiq Akram (Morocco) for the office of Chair of the Committee for 2024 and 2025, respectively (A/AC.105/2023/CRP.25).

At its sixty-third session, in 2024, the Legal Subcommittee was informed of the nomination for the First Vice-Chair of the Committee for the term 2024–2025 (A/AC.105/C.2/2024/CRP.4). In accordance with a note verbale from the Permanent Mission of Panama, Juan Francisco Facetti Fernandez (Paraguay) is nominated for election to the office of First Vice-Chair of the Committee for the period 2024–2025.

At its sixty-first session, in 2024, the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee was informed of the nominations for the Second Vice-Chair/Rapporteur of the Committee for the term 2024–2025 (A/AC.105/C.1/2024/CRP.12). In accordance with a note verbale from the Permanent Mission of Nepal, Hasan Abbas (Pakistan) and Hesa Al-Khalifa (Bahrain) are nominated for election to the office of Second Vice-Chair/Rapporteur of the Committee for 2024 and 2025, respectively.

Also at its sixty-first session, the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee elected Ulpia-Elena Botezatu (Romania) as its Chair for the period 2024–2025.

At its sixty-third session, in 2024, the Legal Subcommittee elected Santiago Ripol Carulla (Spain) as its Chair for the period 2024–2025.

4. 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-sixth session.

5. General exchange of views

The Committee will begin its substantive work with a general exchange of views. Statements should not exceed five minutes.

6. Ways and means of maintaining outer space for peaceful purposes

In accordance with paragraph 2 of General Assembly resolution [78/72](#), the Committee will consider this item.

In paragraph 19 of its resolution [78/72](#), 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

* 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.

Assembly at its seventy-ninth 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.

7. Report of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee on its sixty-first session

In accordance with paragraph 10 of General Assembly resolution 78/72, the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee, at its sixty-first session, considered the following substantive items:

- (a) Space for sustainable development: technology and its applications, including the United Nations Programme on Space Applications (A/AC.105/1307, paras. 53–72 and annex I);
- (b) Space debris (A/AC.105/1307, paras. 73–99);
- (c) Space-system-based disaster management support (A/AC.105/1307, paras. 100–118);
- (d) Recent developments in global navigation satellite systems (A/AC.105/1307, paras. 119–131);
- (e) Space weather (A/AC.105/1307, paras. 132–143);
- (f) Near-Earth objects (A/AC.105/1307, paras. 144–158);
- (g) Long-term sustainability of outer space activities (A/AC.105/1307, paras. 159–183 and annex II);
- (h) Future role and method of work of the Committee (A/AC.105/1307, paras. 184–213);
- (i) Space and global health (A/AC.105/1307, paras. 214–225);
- (j) Use of nuclear power sources in outer space (A/AC.105/1307, paras. 226–241 and annex III);
- (k) 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.105/1307, paras. 242–253);
- (l) Draft provisional agenda for the sixty-second session of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee (A/AC.105/1307, paras. 254–259).

Recent developments in global navigation satellite systems

The Committee will have before it a report on the United Nations/Philippines workshop on the applications of global navigation satellite systems, held in Manila from 22 to 26 April 2024 (A/AC.105/1313).

Near-Earth objects

The Subcommittee, at its sixty-first session, recommended to the Committee that 2029 be declared a United Nations-designated international year of asteroid awareness and planetary defence, dedicated to a worldwide campaign to raise awareness about asteroids and to highlight the collaborative efforts being undertaken by the Committee to mitigate the potential hazard posed by the impact on the Earth of near-Earth objects, and as an excellent opportunity for a global educational campaign about near-Earth objects. In that regard, the Subcommittee took note of the guidelines for the proclamation of international years, contained in the annex to Economic and Social

Council resolution [1980/67](#) and related General Assembly resolutions [53/199](#) and [61/185](#).

The Committee will have before it a draft resolution on the designation by the United Nations of 2029 as the International Year of Asteroid Awareness and Planetary Defence (A/AC.105/L.339).

Long-term sustainability of outer space activities

The Committee will have before it a working paper by the Chair of the Working Group on the Long-term Sustainability of Outer Space Activities entitled “Long-term sustainability of outer space activities: implementation experiences, opportunities for capacity-building and challenges” (A/AC.105/C.1/L.410/Rev.1).

Pursuant to the agreement reached by the Subcommittee in 2023 ([A/AC.105/1279](#), para. 309), and in accordance with the multi-year workplan of the Working Group ([A/AC.105/1258](#), annex II, appendix, para. 18), the Working Group held a workshop on 6 February 2024. The Committee will have before it a report on the Workshop of the Working Group on the Long-term Sustainability of Outer Space Activities (A/AC.105/C.1/126).

At the sixty-first session of the Subcommittee, the Working Group requested the Chair of the Working Group on the Long-term Sustainability of Outer Space Activities to coordinate with the Chair of the Committee and the secretariat to make arrangements for the Working Group to be able to meet during the sixty-seventh session of the Committee, in June 2024, making use of available interpretation services ([A/AC.105/1307](#), annex II, para. 11).

Space and global health

In paragraph 12 of its resolution [78/72](#), entitled “International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space”, the General Assembly requested the Office for Outer Space Affairs to strengthen, within existing resources, capacity-building and networking in Africa, Asia and the Pacific and Latin America and the Caribbean, through regional technical cooperation projects, and to support field projects for strengthening collaboration between the space and global health sectors as an efficient strategy for making better use of space science and technology for access to global health for beneficiary States and taking better advantage of opportunities offered by bilateral or multilateral collaboration, as mandated by the General Assembly in its resolution [77/120](#).

The Committee will have before it a working paper by the Coordinator of the Space and Global Health Network entitled “Draft long-term strategy on space and global health for the period 2025–2035” (A/AC.105/C.1/L.417).

Use of nuclear power sources in outer space

The Subcommittee, at its sixty-first session, welcomed the work of the Working Group on the Use of Nuclear Power Sources in Outer Space under its new five-year workplan for the period 2024–2028, as contained in [A/AC.105/1307](#), annex III, para. 6.

At the sixty-first session of the Subcommittee, the Working Group agreed to hold an intersessional meeting, facilitated by the secretariat, on the margins of the sixty-seventh session of the Committee, preferably on 20 and 21 June 2024, with a view to finalizing the preliminary set of questions to collect information under the objectives of the workplan, which could eventually form an appendix to the next report of the Working Group to the Subcommittee ([A/AC.105/1307](#), annex III, para. 8).

Draft provisional agenda for the sixty-second session of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee

The Subcommittee, at its sixty-first session, agreed on the items to be proposed to the Committee for inclusion in the agenda of the Subcommittee at its sixty-second session (A/AC.105/1307, para. 256).

The Subcommittee agreed to include the item entitled “Dark and quiet skies, astronomy and large constellations: addressing emerging issues and challenges” on its provisional agenda for its sessions in 2025, 2026, 2027, 2028 and 2029 as a single issue/item for discussion.

The Subcommittee agreed that, in accordance with the agreement reached at its forty-fourth session, in 2007 (A/AC.105/890, annex I, para. 24), the symposium to be held at the sixty-second session of the Subcommittee, in 2025, was to be organized by the International Astronautical Federation on the topic “Space for climate action”.

8. Report of the Legal Subcommittee on its sixty-third session

In accordance with paragraph 4 of General Assembly resolution 78/72, the Legal Subcommittee, at its sixty-third session, adopted its agenda and considered the following substantive items:

(a) Information on the activities of international intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations relating to space law;

(b) Status and application of the five United Nations treaties on outer space, and ways and means, including capacity-building, to promote their implementation;

(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;

(d) Future role and method of work of the Committee;

(e) General exchange of views on potential legal models for activities in the exploration, exploitation and utilization of space resources;

(f) 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;

(g) General exchange of information on non-legally binding United Nations instruments on outer space;

(h) General exchange of views on the legal aspects of space traffic management;

(i) General exchange of views on the application of international law to small-satellite activities;

(j) 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.

Status and application of the five United Nations treaties on outer space, and ways and means, including capacity-building, to promote their implementation

The Committee will have before it a draft report of the Chair of the Working Group on the Status and Application of the Five United Nations Treaties on Outer Space on the work of the Working Group at the sixty-third session of the Legal Subcommittee (A/AC.105/C.2/L.331).

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

The Committee will have before it a draft report of the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Working Group on Legal Aspects of Space Resource Activities on the work of the Working Group at the sixty-third session of the Legal Subcommittee (A/AC.105/C.2/L.332).

The Committee will also have before it a report on the outcomes of the International Conference on Space Resources, held on 15 April 2024, including the results of the expert meeting collecting preliminary inputs for consideration at the international conference in Vienna in 2024, held on 26 March 2024 (A/AC.105/C.2/122).

9. Space and sustainable development

In accordance with paragraph 2 of General Assembly resolution [78/72](#), the Committee will consider this item.

The deliberations of the Committee at its sixty-sixth session on its agenda item on space and sustainable development are reflected in its report ([A/78/20](#), paras. 272–287).

The Committee will have before it a report on the United Nations/Austria World Space Forum 2023 on the theme “Space for our common future” ([A/AC.105/1314](#)) and a report on the United Nations/Portugal Conference on the Management and Sustainability of Outer Space Activities (A/AC.105/1315).

10. Spin-off benefits of space technology: review of current status

In accordance with paragraph 2 of General Assembly resolution [78/72](#), the Committee will consider this item.

The deliberations of the Committee at its sixty-sixth session on its agenda item entitled “Spin-off benefits of space technology: review of current status” are reflected in its report ([A/78/20](#), paras. 288–292).

11. Space and water

In accordance with paragraph 2 of General Assembly resolution [78/72](#), the Committee will consider this item.

The deliberations of the Committee at its sixty-sixth session on its agenda item on space and water are reflected in its report ([A/78/20](#), paras. 293–305).

12. Space and climate change

In accordance with paragraph 2 of General Assembly resolution [78/72](#), the Committee will consider this item.

The deliberations of the Committee at its sixty-sixth session on its agenda item on space and climate change are reflected in its report ([A/78/20](#), paras. 306–319).

13. Use of space technology in the United Nations system

In accordance with paragraph 2 of General Assembly resolution [78/72](#), the Committee will consider this item.

The deliberations of the Committee at its sixty-sixth session on its agenda item on the use of space technology in the United Nations system are reflected in its report ([A/78/20](#), paras. 320–331).

The Committee will have before it a report of the Inter-Agency Meeting on Outer Space Activities (UN-Space) on its forty-second session and its nineteenth open session (A/AC.105/1318) and a special report of UN-Space on developments within the United Nations system related to space debris (A/AC.105/1317).

14. Future role and method of work of the Committee

In accordance with paragraph 2 of General Assembly resolution 78/72, the Committee will consider this item.

The deliberations on the item relating to the future role and method of work of the Committee are reflected in the report of the Committee on its sixty-sixth session (A/78/20, paras. 332–353) and the report of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee on its sixty-first session (A/AC.105/1307, paras. 184–213).

At the sixty-first session of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee, held in Vienna from 29 January to 9 February 2024, the Working Group of the Whole noted that informal consultations led by the delegation of Romania had been held on the establishment of an action team to study a potential consultative mechanism for lunar activities within the framework of the Committee. The Working Group noted the importance of that matter and the desirability of having a dedicated forum to further assess lunar and cislunar coordination and consultation activities. The Working Group requested the delegation of Romania to submit its proposal on the establishment of an action team within the framework of the Committee to the Legal Subcommittee at its sixty-third session, in 2024, under the Legal Subcommittee's agenda item on the future role and method of work of the Committee, for further discussion, so that the final decision could be made by the Committee at its sixty-seventh session, in 2024 (A/AC.105/1307, annex I, para. 9).

15. Space exploration and innovation

In accordance with paragraph 2 of General Assembly resolution 78/72, the Committee will consider this item.

The deliberations of the Committee at its sixty-sixth session on its agenda item on space exploration and innovation are reflected in its report (A/78/20, paras. 354–375).

16. “Space2030” Agenda

In accordance with paragraph 2 of General Assembly resolution 78/72, the Committee will consider this item.

In accordance with paragraph 30 of General Assembly resolution 76/3, entitled “The ‘Space2030’ Agenda: space as a driver of sustainable development”, in 2025, the Committee is to carry out a midterm review of progress made in implementing the “Space2030” Agenda.

17. Other matters

In accordance with paragraph 2 of General Assembly resolution 78/72, the Committee will consider this item.

The deliberations of the Committee at its sixty-sixth session under its agenda item entitled “Other matters” are reflected in its report (A/78/20, paras. 389–404).

Composition of the bureaux of the Committee and its subsidiary bodies for the period 2026–2027

In paragraph 11 of its resolution 58/89, the General Assembly 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 been endorsed by the Assembly in its resolution 52/56.

In accordance with the measures relating to the future composition of the bureaux of the Committee and its subsidiary bodies, agreement on all the officers should be reached two years prior to the officers' assumption of their respective responsibilities.

In that regard, the Committee should reach agreement at its sixty-seventh session on all the officers of the bureaux for the period 2026–2027.

Membership of the Committee

The Legal Subcommittee, at its sixty-third session, was informed by the secretariat of the application for membership in the Committee submitted by Djibouti. The Committee will have that application before it for consideration at its sixty-seventh session.

Permanent observer status with the Committee

The Legal Subcommittee, at its sixty-third session, 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 Outer Space Institute (A/AC.105/C.2/2024/CRP.32), the Space Data Association, (A/AC.105/C.2/2024/CRP.13) 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.

Joint panel discussion of the First and Fourth Committees on possible challenges to space security and sustainability

In paragraph 20 of its resolution [78/72](#), the General Assembly decided to convene a joint half-day panel discussion of the Disarmament and International Security Committee (First Committee) and the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) to address possible challenges to space security and sustainability, and to include in the provisional agenda of its seventy-ninth session, under the item entitled “International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space”, a sub-item entitled “Joint panel discussion of the First and Fourth Committees on possible challenges to space security and sustainability”. The joint panel discussion has been scheduled to be held in the afternoon of 30 October 2024.

Other matters

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

Annex

Organization of work

1. At its sixty-sixth session, the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space agreed on the following (A/78/20, para. 351):

(a) Future sessions of the Committee and its subcommittees are to be held in in-person format and regular-budget mandated meetings are to be webcast on United Nations WebTV, at no cost to the Office for Outer Space Affairs;

(b) With the exception of the item on the general exchange of views, all agenda items of the Committee and its subcommittees are to be considered in sequential order, while the holding of working group meetings should not be precluded;

(c) For all agenda items, representatives of member States are the first to be given the opportunity to speak under an agenda item, and only then should the floor be given to representatives of observer organizations;

(d) In order to encourage informal discussions and enhance exchanges among member States, the secretariat should, when practicable, seek measures to avoid scheduling informal meetings of working groups concurrently with plenary meetings and instead utilize designated time slots before the morning meetings and during the lunch break for informal meetings;

(e) The secretariat should, when practicable and when formal plenary meetings conclude earlier than scheduled, make interpretation services available for informal discussions. These measures are aimed at supporting inclusive and productive engagement during informal discussions;

(f) Member States and international intergovernmental organizations with permanent observer status with the Committee are requested to indicate in their accreditation submission if they wish to receive conference room papers in hard copy, to be placed in their respective pigeonholes.

2. Meetings with full interpretation services will be limited to two 3-hour meetings per day for the duration of the session. The meeting times for meetings with conference services (from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m.) will be strictly observed.

3. The work of the Committee has been scheduled so as to afford the Working Group on the Long-term Sustainability of Outer Space Activities of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee, which will be convened under item 7, making use of available interpretation services, the maximum amount of time available.

4. The number of statements to be made at each meeting under item 5, 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 soon as discussion on an item other than item 5 has been concluded, the following item will be taken up, time permitting.

5. Statements by delegations should be limited to 5 minutes and technical presentations should be limited to 10 minutes (A/AC.105/1279, para. 79 and annex I, para. 5). A time-keeping device should be used in all sessions. The Chair of each session should remind delegations when 1 minute remains. The Chair should interrupt the delivery of the statement or presentation when the time allocated for it has elapsed (A/74/20, para. 321).

6. The secretariat will upload statements that have been voluntarily submitted by delegations for uploading to the website of the Office for Outer Space Affairs in a timely manner. Upon submitting statements for interpretation purposes, delegations are to inform the secretariat as to whether the statement may be uploaded to the website.

7. Technical presentations should be limited to three per meeting and should be closely linked to the agenda items of the Committee. Speaking notes for technical presentations should be provided in advance to facilitate simultaneous interpretation ([A/AC.105/1088](#), para. 275).
8. Within one week after the closure of the session, delegations of States members of the Committee may provide language-related comments on the report of the Committee adopted during the session.
9. An indicative schedule of work is provided below. The indicative schedule of work is a general guide to the organization of the session, and the actual scheduling will depend on the requirements of the work of the Committee and any organizational constraints in the course of the session.

Indicative schedule of work^a

<i>Date</i>	<i>Morning (10 a.m.–1 p.m.)</i>	<i>Afternoon (3–6 p.m.)</i>
19–21 June 2024		
Wednesday, 19 June	Item 1. Opening of the session Item 2. Adoption of the agenda Item 3. Election of officers Item 4. Statement by the Chair Item 5. General exchange of views	Item 5. General exchange of views
Thursday, 20 June	Items 5–17 Meeting of the Working Group on the Long-term Sustainability of Outer Space Activities ^b Technical presentations	Items 5–17 Technical presentations
Friday, 21 June	Items 5–17 Technical presentations	Items 5–17 Meeting of the Working Group on the Long-term Sustainability of Outer Space Activities ^b Technical presentations
24–28 June 2024		
Monday, 24 June	Items 5–17 Technical presentations	Items 5–17 Technical presentations
Tuesday, 25 June	Items 5–17 Technical presentations	Items 5–17 Technical presentations
Wednesday, 26 June	Items 5–17 Technical presentations	Items 5–17 Meeting of the Working Group on the Long-term Sustainability of Outer Space Activities ^b Technical presentations
Thursday, 27 June	Items 5–18	Items 5–18
Friday, 28 June	Item 18. Report of the Committee to the General Assembly	Item 18. Report of the Committee to the General Assembly

^a At its thirty-eighth session, the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space 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 (*Official Records of the General Assembly, Fiftieth Session, Supplement No. 20 (A/50/20)*, paras. 168 and 169 (b)).

^b The Working Group on the Long-term Sustainability of Outer Space Activities of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee will meet during the session pursuant to [A/AC.105/1307](#), para. 183 and annex II, para. 11.