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## Draft report

### Addendum

## IX. Future role and method of work of the Committee (continued)

### *Action Team on Lunar Activities Consultation*

1. The Subcommittee welcomed the establishment of the Action Team on Lunar Activities Consultation at the sixty-seventh session of the Committee, noted its mandate, terms of reference, and methods of work as contained in annex IV to that report (A/79/20, para. 351) and noted with appreciation the efforts led by the delegation of Romania, which resulted in the establishment of the Action Team.
2. The Subcommittee noted that, as agreed by the Committee at its sixty-seventh session (A/79/20, para. 351), the secretariat had invited contributions from States members of the Committee on the bureau and the workplan of the Action Team, for endorsement by the Committee at its sixty-eighth session, in 2025.
3. The Subcommittee noted that an intersessional meeting had been held on 18 November 2024 and informal consultations among States members of the Committee had been held on 14 January 2025 to review and discuss contributions received from States members on the bureau and the workplan of the Action Team.
4. The Subcommittee noted with satisfaction that through a silence procedure initiated by Egypt as the State holding the chairmanship of the Committee, following the consultations, the Committee had decided to establish a bureau consisting of two co-chairs, Hasan Abbas (Pakistan) and Ulpia-Elena Botezatu (Romania).
5. The Subcommittee noted with satisfaction that an increasing number of States had appointed their representatives to participate in the work of the Action Team (A/79/20, annex IV, para. 4). The Subcommittee requested the secretariat to continue to invite States members that had not yet done so to appoint their representatives to the Action Team.
6. Some delegations expressed the view that the Action Team might also, as necessary, invite recognized technical, policy and legal experts, and any entity whose support was deemed useful for the Action Team's work, to participate. (A/79/20, annex IV, para. 5).



7. The Subcommittee noted that the Co-Chairs of the Action Team had held four meetings on the margins of the present session of the Subcommittee to advance discussions on the workplan of the Action Team, bearing in mind its mandate to have focused, expert-level exchanges to develop recommendations aimed at improving consultations related to lunar activities, and is to consider different options, including, for instance, whether to recommend the establishment of an international mechanism (A/79/20, annex IV, para. 1). The Subcommittee also recalled that its work was to be without prejudice to the consultations stipulated in article IX of the Treaty on Principles Governing the Activities of States in the Exploration and Use of Outer Space, including the Moon and Other Celestial Bodies (Outer Space Treaty) and to relevant ongoing efforts within the framework of the Committee and its subcommittees, in particular the work of the Working Group on Legal Aspects of Space Resource Activities and the Working Group on Status and Application of the Five United Nations Treaties on Outer Space of the Legal Subcommittee (A/79/20, annex IV, para. 3).
8. The Subcommittee noted that the Action Team would meet during the intersessional period, in March and April 2025, and during the sixty-fourth session of the Legal Subcommittee and the sixty-eighth session of the Committee, to further discuss and refine the draft workplan, for endorsement by the Committee in 2025, and requested the Secretariat to make the relevant arrangements for meetings during those sessions with the benefit of interpretation services.
9. Some delegations emphasized the need to take into account the interests of developing countries through further discussions concerning the work of the Action Team.
10. The view was expressed that a balanced and comprehensive approach should be taken in discussing the cross-cutting issues of lunar activities.
11. Some delegations expressed the view that emphasis should be placed on the principles of free access to outer space for all countries, exploration and use of outer space with due regard to the corresponding interests of all Member States and non-appropriation, as enshrined in the Outer Space Treaty, benefit-sharing, particularly for developing countries, and the peaceful uses of outer space. Those delegations expressing that view underscored the need for transparent and timely information-sharing, citing article XI of the Outer Space Treaty and recognizing the unique role of the Office for Outer Space Affairs as the central hub for information-sharing, the importance of international cooperation for building the technical and scientific capabilities of developing countries to participate in lunar activities, and the importance of sustainable lunar activities to preserve the lunar environment for future generations.

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