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## Draft report

### Addendum

## IX. Future role and method of work of the Committee

1. In accordance with General Assembly resolution [79/87](#), the Subcommittee considered agenda item 11, entitled “Future role and method of work of the Committee”.
2. The representatives of Argentina, Australia, Austria, Canada, China, France, Germany, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Italy, Kenya, Morocco, Portugal, the Republic of Korea, the Russian Federation, Spain, South Africa, the United Arab Emirates and the United Kingdom made statements under agenda item 11. The Vice-Chair of the Working Group on Legal Aspects of Space Resource Activities of the Legal Subcommittee made a statement in accordance with the workplan of the Working Group ([A/AC.105/1260](#), annex II, appendix). During the general exchange of views, statements relating to the item were made by representatives of other member States.
3. The Subcommittee had before it the following:
  - (a) Conference room paper on UNISPACE IV submitted by Morocco and Italy and co-sponsored by Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Costa Rica, Czechia, France, Latvia, Mexico, Nigeria, Peru, the Philippines, Spain, the United Arab Emirates and the United Kingdom ([A/AC.105/C.1/2025/CRP.4/Rev.2](#));
  - (b) Working paper submitted by the Russian Federation entitled “The United Nations information platform as a larger configuration of competencies in the domain of sharing information on objects and events in outer space” ([A/AC.105/C.1/2025/CRP.26](#)).
4. The Subcommittee heard a technical presentation entitled “Charting the future: enhancing collaboration and impact in space governance”, by the observer for NSS.
5. The Subcommittee noted the ongoing work of the Working Group on Legal Aspects of Space Resource Activities, including the preparation of an initial draft set of recommended principles for space resource activities.
6. The Subcommittee noted that the Committee and its subcommittees served as a unique platform for international cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space.



7. Some delegations expressed the view that it was important to retain the intergovernmental nature of the governance of outer space activities.
8. The view was expressed that the Committee should focus on the safety and sustainability of outer space activities, while matters relating to security should be dealt with in the United Nations disarmament forums.
9. Some delegations expressed the view that although non-governmental processes could benefit or supplement the work of the Committee in certain ways, such processes should not interfere with that work.
10. The view was expressed that the Committee could benefit from the latest research, practical experience and scientific practice through wider engagement with non-State actors, including the private sector and the scientific community.
11. Some delegations expressed the view that persistent efforts should be made to achieve more diversified and institutionalized capacity-building, including with the support of the private sector.
12. Some delegations expressed the view that initiatives such as the United Nations Space Bridge and the United Nations Space Sustainability Days contributed to capacity-building and allowed for the increased interaction of member States with commercial operators and with scientific and academic circles.
13. The view was expressed that caution should be exercised to avoid an excessive focus of the Office on extrabudgetary activities funded by non-governmental entities undertaken without the approval of States members of the Committee.
14. Some delegations expressed the view that continued support should be given to all the regional centres for space science and technology education, affiliated to the United Nations, and that those centres should enhance exchanges and cooperation with one another.
15. Some delegations expressed the view that it was necessary to develop mechanisms that would enable and facilitate the exchange of data on space objects and events.
16. Some delegations expressed the view that there should be greater coordination between the two subcommittees in addressing cross-cutting issues.
17. The view was expressed that the principle of consensus in the Committee and its subcommittees was essential for universality and effective implementation of its decisions.
18. Some delegations expressed the view that the compendium of rules of procedure and methods of work related to the Committee should be improved through the development of practical guidance on how to follow the work of the Committee and its subsidiary bodies.
19. The view was expressed that meetings of working groups and informal consultations were effective platforms for advancing discussions and achieving progress on specific issues, and that more time, with interpretation, should be allocated in plenary meetings to discuss issues addressed by working groups.
20. Some delegations expressed the view that overlap in the scheduling of meetings should be avoided.
21. The view was expressed that allowing time for discussion and questions after technical presentations would facilitate meaningful exchanges of information.
22. The view was expressed that the growing membership of the Committee was a welcome development but had resulted in an increased workload for the Office for Outer Space Affairs.
23. The Subcommittee welcomed the enhancements to the organization of its work, such as the streamlining of the agenda and the scheduling of agenda items in sequential order.