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Annotated provisional agenda

Provisional agenda

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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.
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. National legislation relevant to the peaceful exploration and use of outer space.
8. Capacity-building in space law.
9. Review and possible revision of the Principles Relevant to the Use of Nuclear Power Sources in Outer Space.
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. General exchange of views on potential legal models for activities in exploration, exploitation and utilization of space resources.



15. Proposals to the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space for new items to be considered by the Legal Subcommittee at its fifty-ninth session.

Annotations¹

4. Information on the activities of international intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations relating to space law

The Subcommittee will have before it a note by the Secretariat containing information on the activities of international intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations relating to space law ([A/AC.105/C.2/114](#)).

5. Status and application of the five United Nations treaties on outer space

In paragraph 4 of its resolution [73/91](#), the General Assembly agreed that the Legal Subcommittee, at its fifty-eighth session, should reconvene its Working Group on the Status and Application of the Five United Nations Treaties on Outer Space.

The Subcommittee, at its fifty-sixth session, agreed that it would reconvene the Working Group on the Status and Application of the Five United Nations Treaties on Outer Space for the duration of the multi-year workplan under UNISPACE+50 thematic priority 2, until 2020, in accordance with the established working method ([A/AC.105/1122](#), para. 73, and annex I, paras. 4 and 8).

The Working Group will have before it a working paper by the Chair of the Working Group on the Status and Application of the Five United Nations Treaties on Outer Space entitled “Draft guidance document under UNISPACE+50 thematic priority 2. Legal regime of outer space and global governance: current and future perspectives” ([A/AC.105/C.2/L.310](#)).

The Working Group will have before it responses to the questionnaire on the application of international law to small-satellite activities, as contained in [A/AC.105/1177](#), annex I, appendix II.

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**

In paragraph 4 of its resolution [73/91](#), the General Assembly agreed that the Legal Subcommittee, at its fifty-eighth session, should reconvene its Working Group on the Definition and Delimitation of Outer Space.

At its thirty-ninth session, in 2000, the Subcommittee agreed that the Working Group would consider only matters relating to the definition and delimitation of outer space ([A/AC.105/738](#), para. 108).

The Subcommittee will have before it a note by the Secretariat containing information received from States members of the Committee on national legislation and practice relating to the definition and delimitation of outer space ([A/AC.105/865/Add.22](#)), a note by the Secretariat containing replies from States Members of the United Nations and permanent observers of the Committee to questions on suborbital flights for scientific missions and/or for human transportation ([A/AC.105/1039/Add.12](#)), and a note by the Secretariat containing views of States members and permanent observers of the Committee on the definition and delimitation of outer space ([A/AC.105/1112/Add.6](#)).

¹ The annotations and the indicative schedule of work are not part of the agenda to be adopted by the Subcommittee.

7. National legislation relevant to the peaceful exploration and use of outer space

The Subcommittee will continue to consider the item on national legislation relevant to the peaceful exploration and use of outer space ([A/73/20](#), para. 290).

8. Capacity-building in space law

The Subcommittee will continue to consider the item on capacity-building in space law ([A/73/20](#), para. 290).

The Subcommittee will have before it the report on the United Nations/Russian Federation Conference on Space Law and Policy, held in Moscow from 11 to 13 September 2018 ([A/AC.105/1195](#)).

9. Review and possible revision of the Principles Relevant to the Use of Nuclear Power Sources in Outer Space

The Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, at its sixty-first session, agreed that the item on review and possible revision of the Principles Relevant to the Use of Nuclear Power Sources in Outer Space should be considered as a single issue/item for discussion on the agenda of the Legal Subcommittee at its fifty-eighth session ([A/73/20](#), para. 290).

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

The Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, at its sixty-first session, agreed that the item on 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, should be considered as a single issue/item for discussion on the agenda of the Legal Subcommittee at its fifty-eighth session ([A/73/20](#), para. 290).

11. General exchange of information on non-legally binding United Nations instruments on outer space

The Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, at its sixty-first session, agreed that the item on general exchange of information on non-legally binding United Nations instruments on outer space should be considered as a single issue/item for discussion on the agenda of the Legal Subcommittee at its fifty-eighth session ([A/73/20](#), para. 290).

12. General exchange of views on the legal aspects of space traffic management

The Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, at its sixty-first session, agreed that the item on general exchange of views on the legal aspects of space traffic management should be considered as a single issue/item for discussion on the agenda of the Legal Subcommittee at its fifty-eighth session ([A/73/20](#), para. 290).

13. General exchange of views on the application of international law to small-satellite activities

The Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, at its sixty-first session, agreed that the item on general exchange of views on the application of international law to small-satellite activities should be considered as a single issue/item for discussion on the agenda of the Legal Subcommittee at its fifty-eighth session ([A/73/20](#), para. 290).

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

The Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, at its sixty-first session, agreed that the item on general exchange of views on potential legal models for activities in exploration, exploitation and utilization of space resources should be considered as a single issue/item for discussion on the agenda of the Subcommittee at its fifty-eighth session ([A/73/20](#), para. 290).

15. Proposals to the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space for new items to be considered by the Legal Subcommittee at its fifty-ninth session

At its fifty-eighth session, the Legal Subcommittee will submit its proposal to the Committee for the draft provisional agenda for the fifty-ninth session of the Subcommittee.

In addition, the Subcommittee will consider the governance and method of work of the Committee and its subsidiary bodies under the multi-year workplan agreed by the Committee at its sixty-first session ([A/73/20](#), para. 382), based on recommendations by the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee and the Legal Subcommittee given at their sessions in 2018 ([A/AC.105/1167](#), annex I, paras. 16 and 17, and [A/AC.105/1177](#), annex I, para. 9). The Legal Subcommittee will have before it a note by the Secretariat containing a categorization of topics relating to the governance and method of work of the Committee and its subsidiary bodies ([A/AC.105/C.1/L.377](#)), as well as an indicative list of proposals made by delegations at the meetings of the Working Group of the Whole held during the fifty-sixth session of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee.

Symposium

The Subcommittee, at its fifty-seventh session, agreed that the International Institute of Space Law and the European Centre for Space Law should again be invited to organize a symposium, to be held during its fifty-eighth session ([A/AC.105/1177](#), para. 272). A symposium on the theme “The Moon Agreement revisited: the road ahead” will be held in the afternoon of 1 April 2019.

Annex

Organization of work

1. The work of the Legal Subcommittee has been scheduled so as to afford the working groups that will be reconvened under items 5 and 6 (a) of the agenda the maximum amount of time available.
2. The number of statements to be made at each meeting under item 3, 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 a general rule, statements should not exceed 10 minutes, as agreed by the Committee at its fifty-fourth session, in 2011 ([A/66/20](#), para. 298 (b)).
3. In accordance with the decision made by the Committee at its sixty-first session to include on its agenda a new item entitled “‘Space2030’ agenda”, which is to remain on the Committee’s agenda until the sixty-third session of the Committee, in 2020 ([A/73/20](#), paras. 358–363), the Working Group on the “Space2030” Agenda, which was established under that item, will meet during the fifty-eighth session of the Legal Subcommittee, with interpretation services at its disposal. The Working Group will have before it a report summarizing its work during the fifty-sixth session of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee, in 2019. The Working Group will also have before it a revised draft structure of the “Space2030” agenda and implementation plan (see [A/AC.105/C.2/L.307](#)), prepared by the Bureau of the Working Group to provide guidance in developing the agenda and its implementation plan, as mandated by the General Assembly in its resolution [73/6](#), as well as a zero draft of the agenda and implementation plan, also prepared by the Bureau.
4. An indicative schedule of work is provided below. The indicative schedule of work is a general guide to the dates and times when items will be addressed during the session. The consideration of any item may be moved forward, extended or delayed, depending on the requirements of the Subcommittee and any organizational constraints that may arise in the course of the session.

Indicative schedule of work^a

<i>Date</i>	<i>Morning</i>	<i>Afternoon</i>
Week of 1–5 April 2019		
Monday, 1 April	Item 1. Adoption of the agenda Item 2. Statement by the Chair Item 3. General exchange of views	Symposium organized by the International Institute of Space Law and the European Centre for Space Law on the theme “The Moon Agreement revisited: the road ahead”
Tuesday, 2 April	Item 3. General exchange of views Item 5. Status and application of the five United Nations treaties on outer space ^b Item 12. General exchange of views on the legal aspects of space traffic management Technical presentations	Item 3. General exchange of views Item 5. Status and application of the five United Nations treaties on outer space ^b Item 12. General exchange of views on the legal aspects of space traffic management Technical presentations

<i>Date</i>	<i>Morning</i>	<i>Afternoon</i>
Wednesday, 3 April	<p>Item 3. General exchange of views</p> <p>Item 5. Status and application of the five United Nations treaties on outer space^b</p> <p>Item 12. General exchange of views on the legal aspects of space traffic management</p> <p>Technical presentations</p>	<p>Item 3. General exchange of views</p> <p>Item 6 (a). The definition and delimitation of outer space^c</p> <p>Item 6 (b). The character and utilization of the geostationary orbit</p> <p>Item 13. General exchange of views on the application of international law to small-satellite activities</p> <p>Technical presentations</p>
Thursday, 4 April	<p>Item 3. General exchange of views</p> <p>Item 6 (a). The definition and delimitation of outer space^c</p> <p>Item 6 (b). The character and utilization of the geostationary orbit</p> <p>Item 13. General exchange of views on the application of international law to small-satellite activities</p> <p>Technical presentations</p>	<p>Item 3. General exchange of views</p> <p>Item 6 (a). The definition and delimitation of outer space^c</p> <p>Item 6 (b). The character and utilization of the geostationary orbit</p> <p>Item 13. General exchange of views on the application of international law to small-satellite activities</p> <p>Technical presentations</p>
Friday, 5 April	<p>Item 3. General exchange of views</p> <p>Item 4. Information on the activities of international intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations relating to space law</p> <p>Item 14. General exchange of views on potential legal models for activities in exploration, exploitation and utilization of space resources</p> <p>Technical presentations</p>	<p>Item 3. General exchange of views</p> <p>Item 4. Information on the activities of international intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations relating to space law</p> <p>Item 14. General exchange of views on potential legal models for activities in exploration, exploitation and utilization of space resources</p> <p>Technical presentations</p>
Week of 8–12 April 2019		
Monday, 8 April	<p>Item 3. General exchange of views</p> <p>Item 4. Information on the activities of international intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations relating to space law</p> <p>Item 14. General exchange of views on potential legal models for activities in exploration, exploitation and utilization of space resources</p> <p>Technical presentations</p>	<p>Item 7. National legislation relevant to the peaceful exploration and use of outer space</p> <p>Item 8. Capacity-building in space law</p> <p>Item 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</p> <p>Technical presentations</p>
Tuesday, 9 April	<p>Item 7. National legislation relevant to the peaceful exploration and use of outer space</p> <p>Item 8. Capacity-building in space law</p> <p>Item 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</p> <p>Technical presentations</p>	<p>Item 7. National legislation relevant to the peaceful exploration and use of outer space</p> <p>Item 8. Capacity-building in space law</p> <p>Item 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</p> <p>Technical presentations</p>

<i>Date</i>	<i>Morning</i>	<i>Afternoon</i>
Wednesday, 10 April	<p>Item 9. Review and possible revision of the Principles Relevant to the Use of Nuclear Power Sources in Outer Space</p> <p>Item 11. General exchange of information on non-legally binding United Nations instruments on outer space</p> <p>Item 15. Proposals to the Committee for new items to be considered by the Subcommittee</p> <p>Technical presentations</p>	<p>Item 9. Review and possible revision of the Principles Relevant to the Use of Nuclear Power Sources in Outer Space</p> <p>Item 11. General exchange of information on non-legally binding United Nations instruments on outer space</p> <p>Item 15. Proposals to the Committee for new items to be considered by the Subcommittee</p> <p>Technical presentations</p>
Thursday, 11 April	<p>Item 9. Review and possible revision of the Principles Relevant to the Use of Nuclear Power Sources in Outer Space</p> <p>Item 11. General exchange of information on non-legally binding United Nations instruments on outer space</p> <p>Item 15. Proposals to the Committee for new items to be considered by the Subcommittee</p> <p>Technical presentations</p>	<p>Adoption of the report of the Working Group on agenda item 5^b</p> <p>Adoption of the report of the Working Group on agenda item 6 (a)^c</p> <p>Adoption of the summary report of the Working Group on the “Space2030” Agenda</p> <p>Adoption of the report of the Legal Subcommittee</p> <p>Technical presentations</p>
Friday, 12 April	Adoption of the report of the Legal Subcommittee	Adoption of the report of the Legal Subcommittee

^a At its thirty-eighth session, in 1995, the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space agreed that the practice of allocating specific agenda items to particular meetings at a session should be ended and that, to assist in their planning, 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 (A/50/20, para. 169 (b)).

^b The Working Group on the Status and Application of the Five United Nations Treaties on Outer Space, to be reconvened in accordance with paragraph 4 of General Assembly resolution 73/91, will meet during the session to consider item 5. The Legal Subcommittee will resume its consideration of item 5 on Thursday, 11 April, in order to adopt the report of the Working Group.

^c The Working Group on the Definition and Delimitation of Outer Space, to be reconvened in accordance with paragraph 4 of General Assembly resolution 73/91, will meet during the session to consider item 6 (a). The Legal Subcommittee will resume its consideration of item 6 (a) on Thursday, 11 April, in order to adopt the report of the Working Group.