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Annex II

Report of the Working Group on the Long-term Sustainability of Outer Space Activities

1. In accordance with paragraph 10 of General Assembly resolution 78/72, the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee, at its sixty-first session, reconvened its Working Group on the Long-term Sustainability of Outer Space Activities.
2. The Working Group held meetings from 30 January to 8 February 2024, with Umamaheswaran R. (India) as Chair.
3. The Working Group had before it:
 - (a) Working paper by the Chair of the Working Group on the Long-term Sustainability of Outer Space Activities containing summaries of implementation experiences, opportunities for capacity-building and challenges ([A/AC.105/C.1/L.410](#));
 - (b) Conference room paper submitted by Canada containing an update on implementation of the Guidelines for the Long-term Sustainability of Outer Space Activities ([A/AC.105/C.1/2024/CRP.4](#));
 - (c) Conference room paper submitted by the United Kingdom containing an update on its reporting approach for the voluntary implementation of the Guidelines for the Long-term Sustainability of Outer Space Activities ([A/AC.105/C.1/2024/CRP.21](#));
 - (d) Conference room paper submitted by the Islamic Republic of Iran on bridging the gap and empowering States in pursuit of space sustainability ([A/AC.105/C.1/2024/CRP.25](#));
 - (e) Conference room paper submitted by India containing a proposal for a new guideline for the long-term sustainability of outer space activities ([A/AC.105/C.1/2024/CRP.32](#));
 - (f) Conference room paper submitted by Portugal containing a report on the technical preparatory symposium of the United Nations/Portugal Conference



on Management and Sustainability of Outer Space Activities (A/AC.105/C.1/2024/CRP.34);

(g) Conference room paper submitted by the Moon Village Association containing a written contribution for the Working Group on the Long-term Sustainability of Outer Space Activities (A/AC.105/C.1/2024/CRP.5);

(h) Conference room paper submitted by SGAC containing information on a proposed intergenerational pact for space sustainability (A/AC.105/C.1/2024/CRP.13);

(i) Conference room paper submitted by EAS, ESO, For All Moonkind, IAU, the Open Lunar Foundation, SKAO and SWF containing information on the protection of astronomy and science on the Moon (A/AC.105/C.1/2024/CRP.14);

(j) Conference room paper submitted by COSPAR, For All Moonkind, IAU and SGAC, also on behalf of the Lunar Policy Platform, containing information on promoting the long-term sustainability of lunar activities through good practices encouraging due regard for lunar science and ethics (A/AC.105/C.1/2024/CRP.15);

(k) Non-paper by India containing a proposal for a way ahead for the Working Group on the Long-term Sustainability of Outer Space Activities;

(l) Non-paper by the United Kingdom containing a proposal for a potential approach to understanding challenges and developing recommendations on the long-term sustainability of outer space activities;

(m) Non-paper by the Chair of the Working Group on the Long-term Sustainability of Outer Space Activities containing possible decisions to be taken by the Working Group at the sixty-first session of the Subcommittee.

4. The Working Group noted that, in addition to the new documents before it at the present session, documents from past sessions, including [A/AC.105/C.1/L.367](#) and [A/AC.105/2019/CRP.16](#), remained relevant to its work.

5. The Working Group noted that, in addition to the formal meetings that it had held with the benefit of interpretation services during the present session, it had also held informal consultations on the margins of the session.

6. The Working Group reaffirmed the need to structure its work, giving equal importance and an equitable amount of time to each of the elements of its terms of reference ([A/AC.105/1258](#), annex II, appendix, paras. 4 and 6).

7. The Working Group noted with satisfaction the workshop that it had held on 6 February 2024, and that the report on the workshop would be made available following the sixty-first session.

8. The Working Group noted that the working paper by the Chair ([A/AC.105/C.1/L.410](#)) contained summaries that did not represent a consensus by the Working Group with regard to content or language formulation and that the document could be better aligned with the agreed mandate of the Working Group.

9. The Working Group agreed to hold an informal online meeting in April or May 2024 to discuss approaches to categorizing challenges to the long-term sustainability of outer space activities, with a view to including the ideas of all States. That informal meeting would be used to seek feedback on approaches before future meetings.

10. 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.

11. The Working Group agreed that, during its meetings at the sixty-seventh session of the Committee, in June 2024, it would work through the challenges to the

long-term sustainability of outer space activities, including categorization of the challenges, without prejudice to the prioritization of challenges. The intention would be to develop a common understanding of the challenges and potentially uncover new challenges not previously discussed.

12. The Working Group requested that the content of document [A/AC.105/C.1/L.410](#) be revised and/or updated by the Chair, with the support of the secretariat, on the basis of the discussions held during the present session, and be made available in the six official languages of the United Nations in advance of the sixty-seventh session of the Committee, with a view to developing possible recommendations. It was noted that members of the Working Group should send any related written comments to the Chair and the secretariat no later than 5 April 2024, so that they could be included in the new document.

13. On [...] February 2024, the Working Group considered and adopted the present report.
