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Annex I

Report of the Working Group on the "Space2030" Agenda of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space

1. In accordance with the decision of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space at its sixty-first session, held from 20 to 29 June 2018, the Working Group on the "Space2030" Agenda was established under a new agenda item of the Committee, entitled "Space2030' agenda", which will remain on the Committee's agenda until its sixty-third session, in 2020 (A/73/20, paras. 358–363).

2. The Working Group has been tasked with developing a "Space2030" agenda and its implementation plan, based on the mandate derived from General Assembly resolution 73/6, entitled "Fiftieth anniversary of the first United Nations Conference on the Exploration and Peaceful Uses of Outer Space: space as a driver of sustainable development".

3. In accordance with the decision of the Committee at its sixty-first session, the Working Group on the "Space2030" Agenda held an intersessional meeting from 7 to 11 October 2018 to establish its workplan and method of work, as contained in the appendix to the summary report of the Working Group, contained in the report of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee at its fifty-sixth session (A/AC.105/1202, annex IV).

4. The Working Group held four meetings, as well as informal consultations, during the sixty-second session of the Committee in order to advance its work.

5. The Working Group recalled its workplan for 2019, as follows:

(a) Consider the draft structure of a "Space2030" agenda and implementation plan with a view to finalizing it by the end of the fifty-sixth session of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee;

(b) Start developing a draft "Space2030" agenda and implementation plan and submit a consolidated draft "Space2030" agenda and implementation plan to the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space at its sixty-second session. The Working Group may hold intersessional meetings, as necessary, to advance its work.





6. The Working Group also recalled that, as per its method of work, a list of focal points had been established to disseminate relevant information, which had also been made available through a dedicated web page of the Working Group on the website of the Office for Outer Space Affairs.

7. The Working Group recalled that meetings had been held during the respective sessions of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee and the Legal Subcommittee in 2019. Summary reports of the Working Group on the "Space2030" Agenda of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space are contained in the respective reports of the subcommittees (A/AC.105/1202, annex IV; and A/AC.105/1203, annex III).

8. The Working Group had before it a working paper submitted by the Bureau of the Working Group on the "Space2030" Agenda (A/AC.105/L.317) containing a consolidated zero draft of the "Space2030" agenda and implementation plan, for further negotiations during the meetings of the Working Group during the sixty-second session of the Committee.

9. The Working Group also had before it a conference room paper containing a revised text of the zero draft of the "Space2030" agenda and implementation plan, prepared by the Bureau of the Working Group, with the assistance of the Secretariat, on the basis of discussions at the meetings and informal consultations of the Working Group during the sixty-second session of the Committee (A/AC.105/2019/CRP.15).

10. The Working Group noted with appreciation the work by the Bureau of the Working Group, assisted by the Secretariat, to advance the work on a "Space2030" agenda and its implementation plan, and commended the Bureau for its efficient leadership in conducting the meetings of the Working Group to advance its work.

11. The Working Group discussed a "Space2030" agenda and implementation plan (A/AC.105/L.317 and A./AC.105/2019/CRP.15) and reiterated that a "Space2030" agenda should be developed as a high-level, forward-looking document, intended to highlight the role of space and the broad societal benefits it brought, serving as a source of inspiration and significantly contributing to the betterment of the everyday lives of people on Earth.

12. The Working Group also discussed that the "Space2030" agenda and implementation plan should highlight the unique role of the Committee, and its subcommittees, supported by the Office for Outer Space Affairs, as unique platforms for international cooperation in the exploration and use of outer space for peaceful purposes; for the global governance of outer space activities, based on applicable international law; for developing international space law; for fostering dialogue among spacefaring and emerging spacefaring nations; and for promoting the increased involvement of all countries in space activities, including through capacity-building initiatives. The "Space2030" agenda would also demonstrate the important role of space in supporting global development agendas.

13. The Working Group acknowledged the importance of global partnership and strengthened cooperation among Member States, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, industry and private sector entities, as appropriate, in fulfilling the "Space2030" agenda and its implementation plan, once agreed. As such, the document should be written in clear, concise and understandable language, for use by the broader international community and actors from space and non-space sectors alike.

14. The Working Group recalled that, as per its workplan for 2020, it would:

(a) Continue to consider and consolidate the draft "Space2030" agenda and implementation plan during the sessions of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee and the Legal Subcommittee to be held in 2020. The Working Group may hold intersessional meetings, as necessary, to advance its work;

(b) Submit a final, consolidated draft of the "Space2030" agenda and implementation plan to the Committee at its sixty-third session, in 2020, for its

consideration and submission to the General Assembly at its seventy-fifth session, in 2020.

15. The Working Group agreed that, on the basis of the guidance received during this session, as well as any further contributions by States members of the Committee, the Bureau, assisted by the Secretariat, would prepare a draft of a "Space2030" agenda and implementation plan, to be submitted to the Working Group for further consideration during its meetings at the fifty-seventh session of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee, in 2020. The States members of the Committee are invited to provide further comments on the revised zero-draft of the "Space2030" agenda and implementation plan to the Bureau of the Working Group by 30 September 2019.

16. The Working Group noted that the Bureau may decide to circulate a draft text of the "Space2030" agenda and implementation plan through the list of focal points in order to receive further concrete proposals by States members of the Committee, before submitting the text for processing, to be made available in the six official languages of the United Nations prior to the fifty-seventh session of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee, in 2020.

17. At its 4th meeting, on 21 June, the Working Group adopted the present report.