



## **Permanent Mission of the Federative Republic of Brazil**

Item 15: *General exchange of views on potential legal models for activities in the exploration, exploitation and utilization of space resources*

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Madam Chairperson,

The unstoppable evolution of the global space economy, based on novel business models, advances the development of innovative legal models. The use and exploration of outer space, for the benefit of all humankind, requires coordination and cooperation among the members of the international community. Accordingly, the legal framework applicable to space resource activities must be accurately considered by this subcommittee, in a concerted effort to clarify applicable rules of behavior.

The economic potential related to the utilization of space resources, located in celestial bodies such as asteroids and the Moon, has been increasingly recognized as of universal relevance by multiple stakeholders. Space resources have been defined, in accordance with the Hague International Space Resources Governance Working Group, as ‘*an extractable and/or recoverable abiotic in situ in outer space*’ (Building Block 2.1). Nevertheless, a clear legal framework applicable to space resource activities still awaits to be multilaterally accorded.

Madam Chairperson,

The Brazilian delegation welcomes the establishment of a working group under the agenda item ‘general exchange of views on potential legal models for activities in exploration, exploitation and utilization of space resources’. It is acknowledged that this new working group is fully capable of serving as a multilateral forum for the discussion of the legal framework related to space resources activities.

Through its multi-year work plan, a common understanding regarding major legal principles may emerge from the group, fostering international cooperation. The different perspectives

of COPUOS member States on that regard, including of emerging space faring nations such as Brazil, shall be properly taken into account.

To such end, the Brazilian delegation confirms its intention of actively contributing to this Working Group.

Thank you.