

28 September 2023

INVITATION

To

States members of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space

Intersessional meeting of the Working Group on Legal Aspects of Space Resource Activities 18 October 2023

1. With reference to the agreement of the Working Group on Legal Aspects of Space Resource Activities reached at the sixty-sixth session of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space that (i) an event would be held in Luxembourg entitled “Expert meeting collecting preliminary inputs for consideration at the international conference in Vienna in 2024” (expert meeting), which would be co-hosted by Belgium and Luxembourg and organized in cooperation with the United Nations (A/78/20, para. 232); and (ii) presenters of the expert meeting would be nominated by their respective national delegations and that the list of speakers would be, in close consultation between the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Working Group and States members of the Committee, prepared and finalized (A/78/20, para. 233). Accordingly, the Chair, Mr. Andrzej Misztal (Poland) and Vice-Chair, Mr. Steven Freeland (Australia) of the Working Group invited States members of the Committee to nominate speakers for both events via invitation circulars dated 28 June 2023 and 25 September 2023 issued by the secretariat under reference numbers OOSA/2023/42, CU 2023/212 and OOSA/2023/55, CU 2023/317, respectively.
 2. The Chair and Vice Chair would like to extend the invitation to representatives of States members of the Committee to an intersessional meeting to engage in consultations on the nominations of States members for presenters for both the expert meeting in Luxembourg and the international conference in Vienna in 2024, as well as to discuss other practical and organizational matters relating to those events.
 3. The list of nominees to the expert meeting in Luxembourg and the international conference in Vienna in 2024 has been posted on the dedicated web page to the Working Group on the website of UNOOSA at:

<https://www.unoosa.org/oosa/en/ourwork/copuos/lsc/space-resources/index.html>
 4. The intersessional meeting of the working group will take place on **18 October 2023**, from 14:00 to 16:00 Vienna time (CEST). Delegates are kindly invited to contact the secretariat at unoosa-spacelaw@un.org for the MS Teams meeting log in information.
 5. Participants joining the intersessional meeting of the Working Group will be required to enter their name and the name of the State member they are representing. Information should be entered using the following format: “[Country], [First Name] [Last Name]” then to click “Join Meeting”. Participants are also requested to join the meeting a few minutes before the start time to reduce waiting times in the virtual lobby.
 6. Finally, at the sixty-sixth session of the Committee, the Working Group agreed that the availability of interpretation in all official United Nations languages and the financial support to cover travel costs of participants from developing countries to the expert meeting would be subject to additional funding (A/78/20, para. 235). Information for States members wishing to provide support in this regard will be provided directly by the secretariat upon inquiry at unoosa-spacelaw@un.org.
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