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

Panel 1 on Regulatory and policy aspects

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1. In the course of its work, particularly within the Interagency coordination committee on space debris, the State Space Corporation "Roscosmos" has concluded that improving the conceptual terminology of activities related to practical application of technologies for removal of space debris objects remains of high relevance. Technical difficulties of application of such technologies are exacerbated by the lack of well-developed and internationally agreed legal basis on regulation of active space debris removal operations. It would be expedient for the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee in cooperation with the Legal Subcommittee of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (COPUOS) to start development and elaboration of legal terms and conceptual terminology of space debris mitigation activities including active space debris removal.