

Way ahead for the working group on long-term sustainability of outer space activities Proposal by India

- The Chair's paper (A/AC/105/C.1/L.410) provided a compilation of the information and views received during the first two years of the work of the working group, for the consideration of the Working Group. The paper also included a compilation of the challenges as identified by Member States, grouped into overarching themes. It is noted that the information and views expressed in the paper do not represent a consensus of the Working Group.
- As per the workplan for 2024, the Working Group is to start developing recommendations and continue consultations and exchanges on the three pillars of the mandate. The Chair is to prepare a draft report, taking into account the work of the Working Group.
- Member States have expressed different views on the applicability of the Chair's paper, recommendations to be developed by the working group and the draft report to be prepared by the Chair. The working group has decided to meet during the upcoming COPUOS session, in order to fulfill the tasks under the workplan for 2024.
- The following way-ahead is proposed for structuring the work of the working group, to meet the workplan for 2024.
 1. Chair to invite delegations to submit proposals for draft recommendations on
 - a. Identifying and studying challenges and considering possible new guidelines for the long-term sustainability of outer space activities;
 - b. Sharing experiences, practices and lessons learned from voluntary national implementation of the adopted Guidelines;
 - c. Raising awareness and building capacity, in particular among emerging space nations and developing countries.
 2. For the purpose of developing draft recommendations, interested delegations may refer Chair's paper as a reference.
 3. For the purpose of developing draft recommendations, interested delegations may also refer to a contribution by UK to structure the challenges identified in Chair's paper into the three pillars of working group's mandate.
 4. During the COPUOS session, the working group meetings will have following agenda, to discuss the submissions from delegations:
 - a. Recommendations on "Identifying and studying challenges and considering possible new guidelines for the long-term sustainability of outer space activities"
 - b. Recommendations on "Sharing experiences, practices and lessons learned from voluntary national implementation of the adopted Guidelines"
 - c. Recommendations on "Raising awareness and building capacity, in particular among emerging space nations and developing countries"
 5. Chair to consolidate the recommendations into the draft report of the working group, and make it available by the end of 2024. The draft report would be the working document for the working group's meetings during the STSC session in 2025.

