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# Recent Developments in Exploration, Exploitation and Utilization of Space Resources

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- United Nations Discussions
  - UNCOPUOS / LSC
  - Single Agenda item (since 2016)
  - ‘Scheduled Informal Consultations’
- National / Bilateral Initiatives
  - Legislation – USA, Luxembourg, UAE
  - Artemis Accords
  - Other National Space Programs - examples include *inter alia* Chang’e 5 / Hayabusa 2 / OSIRIS-REx
- Civil Society / Academic Work including *inter alia*
  - The Hague International Space Resources Governance Working Group Building Blocks
  - Space Generation Advisory Council EAGLE Report
  - Vancouver Recommendations on Space Mining
  - Moon Village Association Best Practices
  - Letter to President of UNGA
  - Industry Plans / Proposals

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- Scheduled Informal Consultations

- LSC 58<sup>th</sup> Session March 2019 – decision to convene ‘scheduled informal discussions’
- Co-Moderators endorsed by UNCOPUOS 62<sup>nd</sup> Session June 2019 – Andrzej Misztal (Poland) and Steven Freeland (Australia)
- Aim => “to have a broad and inclusive exchange of views on the future deliberations concerning space resources, including the possible establishment of a working group under the relevant agenda item, taking into account the possible future coordination with the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee, as appropriate”

- Progress and Future Work

- Draft Plan circulated (through UNOOSA) by Co-Moderators September 2019
- Discussions at 59<sup>th</sup> Session LSC March 2020 – not held / rescheduled for 60<sup>th</sup> Session LSC April 2021
- Inputs received from 14 Member States to date
- Summary of inputs to date to be circulated December 2020
- All delegations encouraged to actively contribute and share their views to the Co-Moderators
- April 2021 - open, inclusive and transparent discussions incorporating all views