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5. UN-Space Special reports on initiatives and applications for space-related inter-agency cooperation, including special report on space for climate action (A/AC.105/1264).
6. UN-Space publication.
7. Coordination of future plans and programmes of common interest for cooperation and exchange of views on current activities in the practical application of space technology and related areas (Presentations by participating entities).
8. Organization of open session.
9. Any other business.

Annotations*

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3. **Update on the latest developments in the peaceful uses of outer space, including on the “Space2030” Agenda.**

At its 21st plenary meeting held on 25 October 2021, the General Assembly adopted, without a vote, resolution entitled “The ‘Space2030’ Agenda: space as a driver of sustainable development” ([A/RES/76/3](#)).

At the session, a representative of the Office for Outer Space Affairs will provide the Meeting with updated information on the latest developments in the peaceful uses of outer space, including on the “Space2030” Agenda.

4. **Report of the Secretary-General on the coordination of space-related activities within the United Nations system: directions and anticipated results for the period 2022-2023, to be submitted to the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space in June 2023.**

The objective of the Report of the Secretary-General on the coordination of space-related activities within the United Nations system is to enhance space-related inter-agency cooperation and coordination among United Nations entities and to avoid the duplication of efforts in the use of space applications.

At its thirtieth session held in Geneva on 10-12 March 2010, the United Nations Inter-Agency Meeting on Outer Space Activities agreed that the reports of the Secretary-General on the coordination of space-related activities within the United Nations system served as a strategic tool for the United Nations to avoid duplication of efforts in the field of space science and technology, and that future reports should highlight efforts of the United Nations system in delivering as one on space-related activities for the development agenda.

At that session, the Meeting agreed that the reports of the Secretary-General should be issued on a biennial basis, starting with the period 2012-2013, and a review of this reporting structure should be made in 2017. The Meeting further agreed that in the year when there was no report of the Secretary-General, a special report on a selected topic should be considered (see item 5 below).

At its thirty-seventh session held in Geneva on 24 August 2017, UN-Space expressed its satisfaction with the existing reporting structure and agreed that reports of the Secretary-General on the coordination of space-related activities within the United Nations system and special reports of UN-Space should continue to be issued biennially on an alternating basis.

In 2014 and 2016, the focus of the Secretary-General’s reports was on addressing the post-2015 development agenda ([A/AC.105/1063](#)), and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development ([A/AC.105/1115](#)), respectively. The 2018 report is entitled “Coordination of space-related activities within the United Nations system: directions and anticipated results for the period 2018–2019 — a United Nations that delivers” ([A/AC.105/1179](#)). The title of the 2020 report is “Coordination of space-related activities within the United Nations system: directions and anticipated results for the

* The annotations are not part of the agenda to be adopted by UN-Space. The Meeting may choose to focus discussion on selected agenda items of interest to participants.

period 2020–2021 – megatrends and realization of the Sustainable Development Goals” ([A/AC.105/1230](#)).

Participants are invited to discuss and agree on the focus of the upcoming report.

5. UN-Space Special reports on initiatives and applications for space-related inter-agency cooperation, including special report on space for climate action (A/AC.105/1264).

At its fortieth session, in 2003, the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space endorsed the proposal to strengthen inter-agency cooperation in the use of outer space within the United Nations system, as recommended by the Inter-Agency Meeting on Outer Space Activities at its twenty-third session. Based on a recommendation of the Inter-Agency Meeting on Outer Space Activities (A/AC.105/791 and Corr.1, para. 30), the Subcommittee invited United Nations entities to submit annual reports on specific themes (A/AC.105/804, paras. 93-95).

In response to that invitation, the Inter-Agency Meeting prepared in 2005 its first special report entitled “New and emerging technologies, applications and initiatives for space-related inter-agency cooperation” ([A/AC.105/843](#)).

At its 30th session in 2010, the Inter-Agency Meeting decided that special reports on initiatives and applications for space-related inter-agency cooperation shall be prepared on a biennial basis.

The subsequent special reports focused on themes: “Space benefits for Africa: contribution of the United Nations system” ([A/AC.105/941](#)) in 2009; “Use of space technology within the United Nations system to address climate change issues” ([A/AC.105/991](#)) in 2011; “Space for agriculture development and food security” ([A/AC.105/1042](#)) in 2013, “Space for global health” ([A/AC.105/1091](#)) in 2015; “Role of United Nations entities in supporting Member States in the implementation of transparency and confidence-building measures in outer space activities” ([A/AC.105/1116](#)) in 2016, “Space Weather” ([A/AC.105/1146](#)) in 2017, “Partnerships” ([A/AC.105/1200](#)) in 2019, and “Space for Climate Action” ([A/AC.105/1264](#)) in 2022.

At its thirty-eighth session held on 29 October 2018 in New York, UN-Space agreed that its future special report to be issued after 2020 could focus on the use of space science, technology and applications for water ([A/AC.105/1209](#), para. 43).

Participants are invited to discuss and agree on the focus and issuance date of the upcoming special report.

6. UN-Space publication

Publications produced by UN-Space include: Space Solutions for the World's Problems: How the United Nations family uses space technology for achieving development goals ([ST/SPACE/33](#)); [Space and climate change](#); and Space for Agriculture Development and Food Security ([ST/SPACE/69](#)).

At its fortieth session, UN-Space agreed to produce a publication, highlighting space-related activities within the United Nations system, in 2022. UN-Space noted the value of such a publication in increasing awareness of the benefits of space for sustainable development and the role and

activities of United Nations system entities and in fostering synergies for enhanced cooperation within the United Nations system. Participants are invited to consider the draft publication.

7. Coordination of future plans and programmes of common interest for cooperation and exchange of views on current activities in the practical application of space technology and related areas.

Participants will be invited to report on recent developments in space-related activities of their entities. Special consideration shall be given to activities that may be of interest to other United Nations entities participating in the framework of UN-Space, such as opportunities for cooperation or needs for coordination. To the extent possible presentations or statements should be limited to a maximum of ten minutes.

8. Organization of open session.

A Joint UN-Space - High Level Panel on Space-based Technologies for Disaster Risk Reduction with participation of Member States is planned to be organized in the morning of 9 December 2022 as an integral part of the United Nations Workshop on Space-based Technologies for Disaster Risk Reduction - Assessing the Unseen Risks, scheduled to be held from 7 to 9 December 2022 at the Headquarters of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) in Bangkok, Thailand.

9. Any other business.

Participants are invited to discuss and agree on the date and venue of the 42nd session of UN-Space. Participants may wish to raise and discuss any other matters, as appropriate.