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Proposal on the work related to Long-Term Sustainability of Outer Space Activities of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space

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1. A draft resolution should be submitted to the 74th session of the United Nations General Assembly for consideration and adoption and should contain two ideas: endorsement of the preamble and 21 draft LTSSA guidelines and welcoming the establishment of the WG or request the COPUOS to establish an open-ended WG on LTSSA.

The rationale for adoption of the LTSSA and establishment of WG

2. Outer space is a rapidly evolving environment that is increasingly being utilized to provide critical applications with significant socio-economic impact.
3. There is significant growth in number of space activities, space objects, and space actors. However, new challenges and hazard, emerge in the course of such active exploration and use.
4. Member States of the COPUOS, have invested valuable amount of efforts to develop the preamble and 21 draft LTSSA guidelines on which the former WG on the LTSSA has reached consensus (document A/AC.105/C.1/L.366). And their full adoption shall be formalized under UNGA Resolution.
5. Moreover, it is important to create a mechanism to periodically exchange experiences and views on implementing the LTSSA guidelines with the aim to share best practices and update them.

Goals and objectives of adoption of the LTSSA and establishment of WG:

- Encourage space actor to implement the LTSSA guidelines
- Capacity-building, awareness raising and outreach;
- Identify challenges emerging from new areas of space activities and thus requiring additional LTSSA guidelines to be possibly introduced and negotiated;
- Review of the previously agreed guidelines and their update as appropriate;



6. A decision to establish the WG on LTSSA should be taken by COPUOS at its 62nd session together with the adoption of the preamble and 21 draft LTSSA guidelines on which the former WG on the LTSSA has reached consensus (document A/AC.105/C.1/L.366).
 7. A draft resolution should be submitted to the 74th session of the United Nations General Assembly for consideration and adoption and should contain two ideas: endorsement of the preamble and 21 draft LTSSA guidelines and welcoming the establishment of the WG or request the COPUOS to establish an open-ended WG on LTSSA in case a prior relevant decision will not be taken by the COPUOS.
 8. The newly established WG on LTSSA should be open to all member States of the COPUOS and will work on consensus basis. The meetings of the WG should be guided by the rules of procedure, methods of work and established practices commonly adopted at COPUOS.
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