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Uses of Outer Space  
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**Long-term sustainability of outer space activities**

**Proposal on the way forward to address various aspects of  
the long-term sustainability of outer space activities in the  
Scientific and Technical Subcommittee**

**Paper submitted by the Russian Federation and China**

The Working Group on the Long-term Sustainability of Outer Space Activities has concluded its work during the sixty-first session of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space. Unfortunately, consensus was not reached on the important issues of the adoption the agreed preambular text and the text of 21 guidelines and there was no agreement reached on the way forward to address the various aspects of the long-term sustainability of outer space activities in STSC and COPUOS.

The delegations listed above are of the view that it is vitally important to provide an appropriate platform for continuation of the work on various aspects of LTS and the safety of space operations. The mere existence of the standalone item dedicated to LTS in the STSC agenda certainly gives a good opportunity to exchange views on this topic but does not allow a structured and in-depth dialogue with the support of required administrative arrangements.

To this end, the delegations listed above propose to consider the establishment of a new permanent Working Group on LTS with the following goals and objectives:

- Exchange of views on the implementation of the LTS guidelines;
- Identify challenges emerging from new areas of space activities and thus requiring additional LTS guidelines to be possibly introduced and negotiated;
- Continue consideration of the remaining draft guidelines on the topics, that have been approved by STSC, but consensus hasn't been reached on their text;
- Develop recommendations on enhancement of information exchange between States with the goal to improve safety of space operations;
- Establish procedures to review and update the previously agreed guidelines as well as for consideration of proposals on possible new guidelines.

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\* [A/AC.105/C.1/L.373](#).

