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Note by the Secretariat

I. Introduction

1. The present document was prepared by the Secretariat on the basis of information received from For All Moonkind.

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II. Reply received from an international non-governmental organization

For All Moonkind

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1. Introduction

For All Moonkind is an international non-governmental not-for-profit organization which was granted Observer status at the end of 2018. The mission of the organization is to ensure historic lunar landing and similar sites in space are recognized for their outstanding value to humanity and commensurately preserved and protected for posterity by the United Nations and the international community as part of our common human heritage. The organization seeks to promote a sustainable balance between the protection of important cultural heritage sites and the exploration and utilization of space and its resources.

The organization is made up entirely of volunteers and includes lawyers, archaeologists, historians, policymakers, communications specialists, scientists and engineers from around the world, representing both a cultural and generational diversity.

For All Moonkind seeks to spur the development of an international preservation framework before disturbance of significant cultural heritage sites occurs. The organization works from grassroots to build multilateral relationships at the public, private and individual level. As such, For All Moonkind is engaged in a number of efforts to raise awareness, disseminate educational tools and study the legal problems associated with establishing human heritage sites in space.

2. Activities Relating to Space Law

A. Education and Awareness activities include educating the public about the universality of outer space, humanity's rich history in space, space law and the many benefits space exploration provides to all of us on Earth. The organization also seeks to nurture the next generation of space lawyers and policymakers. Among other things, For All Moonkind has:

- Worked closely with a team of University students from the Stanford University, Stanford Student Space Initiative, to research the intersection of space law and heritage preservation.
 - A team of five students was invited to observe the 58th Session of the Legal Subcommittee and given the opportunity to present its research to the Subcommittee and its delegates.
 - For All Moonkind and the Stanford Student Space Initiative have entered into an agreement to continue collaboration and instruction in this manner.
- Self-published an informative booklet, intended for school-age children, which summarizes the history of human activity on the Moon.
 - The organization's next educational project is the publication of a series of books, also directed to school-age children, further relating the history of human activity on the Moon, the contribution of women to the exploration of the Moon, and the unique cultural position the Moon holds in different societies around the world.
 - These books will be distributed, for free, to school-age children around the world through space conferences, symposia and other dissemination methods.

B. Legal Research involves clarifying the status of potential heritage sites under current law and proposing strategies to formally identify, designate and manage heritage sites in space. Among other things For All Moonkind is:

- Developing a digital catalogue of human items on the lunar surface.
 - Working in concert with the Beyond the Earth Foundation, the organization has identified 111 sites on the Moon that contain human-made material and are working to create an illustrative Website to share this data, and information about each site, with as wide a global audience as possible.
- Working with the Center for Lunar and Asteroid Surface Science to explore physical strategies to protect heritage and other sites on the Moon.
 - This includes exploring the legal framework necessary to implement such strategies.
- Promoting the adoption, by private, commercial spacefaring entities, of a Declaration of Objectives and Agreements Regarding Cultural Heritage in Outer Space, prepared by For All Moonkind.
 - These are voluntary guidelines which offer recommendations and best practices in respect of activity which has the potential to impact a site of historic significance in space.
 - A number of other private, commercial entities, have made positive contributions to this process which we expect to advance significantly in 2019.
- Using the rich history of the United Nations and the model of successful multilateral treaties and conventions to design and test a possible framework for heritage preservation solutions.
 - The results of this research is published through oral presentations and written articles on a regular basis.
- Continuing to present at international space conferences on a variety of issues of related to space law.
- Working with the Air and Space Law Program at the University of Mississippi School of Law to develop a strategy and plan to encourage nations that have not already done so to accede to the Treaty on Principles Governing the Activities of States in the Exploration and Use of Outer Space, including the Moon and Other Celestial Bodies, the Agreement on the Rescue of Astronauts, the Return of Astronauts and the Return of Objects Launched into Outer Space, the Convention on International Liability for Damage Caused by Space Objects and the Convention on Registration of Objects Launched into Outer Space.

For All Moonkind invites collaboration, contribution and comment on all of these activities. More information can be found at: www.forallmoonkind.org or by contacting co-founder Michelle Hanlon: michelle@forallmoonkind.org.