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**Proposal on five-year workplan for the working group
established under the Legal Subcommittee agenda item
entitled “General exchange of views on potential legal
models for activities in the exploration, exploitation, and
utilization of space resources”**

**Conference Room Paper submitted by the Chair and Vice-Chair of
the working group**

Proposed five-year workplan

I. 2022:

(a) Collect relevant information concerning activities in the exploration, exploitation, and utilization of space resources, including with respect to scientific and technological developments and current practices, taking into account their innovative and evolving nature;

(b) Exchange views on:

- the existing legal framework for such activities, in particular the Outer Space Treaty and other applicable United Nations treaties, also taking into account other relevant instruments, as appropriate; and
- the benefits of further development of the framework, including by way of additional international governance instruments;

(c) Preparation by the Chair of the Working Group, supported by the Secretariat, of a summary of the information collected and views expressed, for review and discussion by the Working Group.

II. 2023 and 2024:

(a) Continue the collection of relevant information as per the above.

(b) Review and discuss the summary prepared by the Chair and consolidate any additional relevant information and views presented.

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(c) Exchange views on a set of initial recommended principles and, if appropriate, practices for such activities taking into account the need to ensure that they are carried out in accordance with international law and in a safe, sustainable and peaceful manner.

(d) Preparation of a draft set of initial recommended principles and, if appropriate, practices by the Chair of the Working Group, supported by the Secretariat, for review and discussion by the Working Group.

III. 2025:

(a) Final review and refinement of the study of the existing legal framework for such activities, as well as the benefits of further development of the framework.

(b) Final review and refinement of a set of initial recommended principles and, if appropriate, practices for such activities.

(c) Exchange of views on areas for further work of the Legal Subcommittee and recommended next steps.

IV. 2026:

(a) Adoption of a final report of the Working Group.

(b) Adoption of a set of initial recommended principles and, if appropriate, practices for such activities for the consideration of and consensus agreement by the Committee, followed by possible adoption by the United Nations General Assembly as a dedicated resolution or other action.
