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**General exchange of views on potential legal models
for activities in exploration, exploitation and
utilization of space resources**

**The Establishment of a Working Group on Potential Legal
Models for Activities in Exploration, Exploitation and
Utilization of Space Resources**

Proposal submitted by the Russian Federation

1. The Subcommittee proposed to the Committee to establish a working group under the LSC agenda item “General exchange of views on potential legal models for activities in exploration, exploitation and utilization of space resources”.
2. The Subcommittee suggested that the working group would agree on its terms of reference, methods of work and workplan during the 61st session of the Legal Subcommittee in 2022. The work of the group would be guided by the following framework:
 - a. Studying applicable norms of international law defined, primarily, by the five United Nations treaties on outer space.
 - b. Identifying possible gaps in applicable international legal norms, guidelines and rules regarding regulation of activities related to the exploration, exploitation and utilization of space resources.
 - c. Developing principles (guidelines) and rules (proposals/recommendations) for the regulation of activities on exploration, exploitation and utilization of space resources, which could become elements of a new international treaty in the future.

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