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

43. The Subcommittee noted that, at its fifty-eighth session, in 2019, it had agreed that, under the item on its agenda entitled “General exchange of views on potential legal models for activities in exploration, exploitation and utilization of space resources”, scheduled informal consultations were to be held at the fifty-ninth session of the Subcommittee, in 2020 ([A/AC.105/1203](#), para. 278).

44. The Subcommittee also noted that the Committee, at its sixty-second session, in 2019, had endorsed the nomination by Belgium and Greece of Andrzej Misztal (Poland) as Moderator and Steven Freeland (Australia) as Vice-Moderator to lead those scheduled informal consultations ([A/74/20](#), para. 258).

45. The Subcommittee further noted that, owing to the COVID-19 pandemic, its fifty-ninth session had been cancelled, and that, in accordance with the decisions and actions by the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space and its Legal Subcommittee taken by written procedure ([A/75/20](#), paras. 6–7 and 26), those scheduled informal consultations had been held during the plenary meetings of the present session of the Subcommittee.

46. At the present session of the Subcommittee, the Moderator and Vice-Moderator held eight rounds of scheduled informal consultations during the plenary meetings of the Subcommittee, with interpretation services, with the aim of reaching consensus on the establishment of a working group under agenda item 14.

47. At its 1010th meeting, on 9 June, the Subcommittee decided, on the basis of the reports provided by the Moderator and Vice-Moderator of the scheduled informal consultations on the progress made in those consultations, to establish, under a five-year workplan, a working group under the agenda item on the general exchange of views on potential legal models for activities in exploration, exploitation and utilization of space resources, with Mr. Misztal as Chair and Mr. Freeland as Vice-Chair of the working group.

48. The Subcommittee welcomed the consolidated proposal of the Moderator and Vice-Moderator of the scheduled informal consultations for the establishment of a



working group, which had brought together numerous views advanced by delegations in the deliberations on the mandate, terms of reference and method of work of the working group.

49. The Subcommittee requested the newly elected Chair and Vice-Chair of the working group to continue consultations, in the intersessional period, on the mandate, terms of reference and method of work of the working group, and to consult with the Chair of the Committee and with the Secretariat regarding the scheduling of the sixty-fourth session of the Committee, so as to enable the working group to meet during that session and benefit from interpretation services. In that regard, the Subcommittee recommended that the Committee also consider the matter further at its sixty-fourth session.

50. The Subcommittee expressed its gratitude to the Moderator and Vice-Moderator for their work and efforts in conducting the scheduled informal consultations and congratulated them on their new appointments as Chair and Vice-Chair of the working group.
