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**Committee on the Peaceful****Uses of Outer Space****Legal Subcommittee****Sixty-first session**

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**General exchange of views on potential legal models  
for activities in the exploration, exploitation and  
utilization of space resources****Building Blocks for the Development of an International  
Framework for the Governance of Space Resource  
Activities: A Commentary****Conference Room Paper submitted by Luxembourg and the  
Netherlands**

1. In 2019, the The Hague International Space Resources Governance Working Group (the Working Group) adopted the Building Blocks for the Development of an International Framework for the Governance of Space Resource Activities. These have been introduced to COPUOS in 2020, in document [A/AC.105/C.2/L.315](#). Following this adoption, a Commentary to these Building Blocks has been developed. This Commentary was designed to clarify the content of each Building Block, reflecting agreed provisions and suggestions, as accorded by the Working Group, and to provide additional observations to illustrate their *raison d'être*. Additionally, this action was envisioned as an instrument to present the output of the Working Group to the general public, including information about its mission, composition, phases and procedure, while developing an additional channel of communication with the international community to foster the discussion on the Working Group topics.
2. The Commentary may be found through the following link: [Building Blocks for the Development of an International Framework for the Governance of Space Resource Activities: A Commentary \(boomportaal.nl\)](#).
3. Luxembourg and the Netherlands consider that the Commentary to the Building Blocks may contribute to the work of the Legal Subcommittee, in particular the work of its 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”.

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\* [A/AC.105/C.2/L.319](#).

