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**Committee on the Peaceful  
Uses of Outer Space**  
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## II. Annotations\*

### 1. Opening of the session

The sixty-fifth session of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space will be opened on the morning of Wednesday, 1 June 2022.

### 2. Adoption of the agenda

The agenda will be adopted immediately after the opening of the session.

### 3. Election of officers

In paragraph 41 of its resolution [76/76](#), entitled “International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space”, the General Assembly noted that the Eastern European States, the Latin American and Caribbean States and the Western European and other States had nominated their candidates for the office of Second Vice-Chair/Rapporteur of the Committee, Chair of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee and First Vice-Chair of the Committee, respectively, for the period 2022–2023, and urged the African States and the Asia-Pacific States to nominate their candidates for the offices of Chair of the Legal Subcommittee and Chair of the Committee, respectively, in time for the Committee and its subcommittees to elect their officers at their respective sessions in 2022.

The Committee, at its sixty-fourth session ([A/76/20](#), para. 337), noted that the General Assembly, in its resolution [75/92](#), had noted that the Eastern European States had nominated Oleg Ventskovsky (Ukraine) for the office of Second Vice-Chair/Rapporteur of the Committee for the period 2022–2023.

The Committee, also at its sixty-fourth session ([A/76/20](#), para. 338), noted that the Western European and other States had nominated Jenni Tapio (Finland) for the office of First Vice-Chair of the Committee for the period 2022–2023.

The nomination by the Asia-Pacific States of Omran Sharaf (United Arab Emirates) for the office of Chair of the Committee for the period 2022–2023 was communicated by the Secretariat to States members of the Committee in a note verbale dated 29 March 2022.

At its fifty-ninth session, in 2022, the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee elected Juan Francisco Facetti (Paraguay) as its Chair for a two-year term of office ([A/AC.105/1258](#), para. 18).

At its sixty-first session, in 2022, the Legal Subcommittee elected Nomfuneko Majaja (South Africa) as its Chair for a two-year term of office ([A/AC.105/1260](#), para. 1).

### 4. Statement by the Chair

Following the adoption of the agenda by the Committee, the Chair will make a statement reviewing developments of relevance to the work of the Committee that have taken place since its sixty-fourth session.

### 5. General exchange of views

The Committee will begin its substantive work with a general exchange of views. Statements should not exceed seven minutes.

### 6. Ways and means of maintaining outer space for peaceful purposes

In accordance with paragraph 2 of General Assembly resolution [76/76](#), the Committee will consider this item.

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\* The annotations are not part of the agenda to be adopted by the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space.

In paragraph 18 of its resolution 76/76, the General Assembly requested the Committee to continue to consider, as a matter of priority, ways and means of maintaining outer space for peaceful purposes and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its seventy-seventh session, and agreed that the Committee should continue to consider the broader perspective of space security and associated matters that would be instrumental in ensuring the safe and responsible conduct of space activities, including ways to promote international, regional and interregional cooperation to that end.

## 7. Report of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee on its fifty-ninth session

In accordance with paragraph 11 of General Assembly resolution 76/76, the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee, at its fifty-ninth session, considered the following substantive items:

(a) United Nations Programme on Space Applications (A/AC.105/1258, paras. 50–78);

(b) Space technology for sustainable socioeconomic development (A/AC.105/1258, paras. 79–88 and annex I);

(c) Matters relating to remote sensing of the Earth by satellite, including applications for developing countries and monitoring of the Earth's environment (A/AC.105/1258, paras. 89–98);

(d) Space debris (A/AC.105/1258, paras. 99–123);

(e) Space-system-based disaster management support (A/AC.105/1258, paras. 124–136);

(f) Recent developments in global navigation satellite systems (A/AC.105/1258, paras. 137–157);

(g) Space weather (A/AC.105/1258, paras. 158–172);

(h) Near-Earth objects (A/AC.105/1258, paras. 173–190);

(i) Long-term sustainability of outer space activities (A/AC.105/1258, paras. 191–209 and annex II);

(j) Future role and method of work of the Committee (A/AC.105/1258, paras. 210–223);

(k) Use of nuclear power sources in outer space (A/AC.105/1258, paras. 224–237 and annex III);

(l) Space and global health (A/AC.105/1258, paras. 238–249 and annex IV);

(m) Examination of the physical nature and technical attributes of the geostationary orbit and its utilization and applications, including in the field of space communications, as well as other questions relating to developments in space communications, taking particular account of the needs and interests of developing countries, without prejudice to the role of the International Telecommunication Union (A/AC.105/1258, paras. 250–261);

(n) General exchange of views on dark and quiet skies for science and society (A/AC.105/1258, paras. 262–276);

(o) Draft provisional agenda for the sixtieth session of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee (A/AC.105/1258, paras. 277–281).

### *United Nations Programme on Space Applications*

In paragraph 27 of its resolution 76/76, the General Assembly encouraged the regional centres for space science and technology education, affiliated to the United Nations, to continue to promote greater participation of women in their education programmes

and agreed that the regional centres should continue to report to the Committee on their activities.

*Recent developments in global navigation satellite systems*

The Committee will have before it a note by the Secretariat entitled “Fifteenth meeting of the International Committee on Global Navigation Satellite Systems” (A/AC.105/1251).

*Space and global health*

The Subcommittee, at its fifty-ninth session, endorsed the report of the Working Group on Space and Global Health, including the recommended actions contained therein (A/AC.105/1258, para. 249 and annex IV, paras. 7–9 and appendix).

The Committee will have before it a draft resolution on space and global health (A/AC.105/L.328, annex) for consideration by the Committee with a view to its adoption by the General Assembly (A/AC.105/1258, annex IV, para. 8 and appendix).

The Committee will have before it the report of the Working Group on Space and Global Health on the work conducted under its multi-year workplan (A/AC.105/C.1/121) (A/AC.105/1258, annex IV, para. 9).

*Draft provisional agenda for the sixtieth session of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee*

The Subcommittee, at its fifty-ninth session, agreed on the items to be proposed to the Committee for inclusion in the agenda of the Subcommittee at its sixtieth session (A/AC.105/1258, para. 280).

The Subcommittee noted that, in accordance with the agreement reached by the Subcommittee at its forty-fourth session (A/AC.105/890, annex I, para. 24), the symposium at the sixtieth session of the Subcommittee, in 2023, was to be organized by the Committee on Space Research, and that the topic of the symposium would be proposed to and decided upon by the Committee at its sixty-fifth session (A/AC.105/1258, para. 281).

## **8. Report of the Legal Subcommittee on its sixty-first session**

In accordance with paragraph 5 of General Assembly resolution 76/76, the Legal Subcommittee, at its sixty-first session, considered the following substantive items:

(a) Information on the activities of international intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations relating to space law (A/AC.105/1260, paras. 36–38);

(b) Status and application of the five United Nations treaties on outer space (A/AC.105/1260, paras. 39–51 and annex I);

(c) Matters relating to the definition and delimitation of outer space and the character and utilization of the geostationary orbit, including consideration of ways and means to ensure the rational and equitable use of the geostationary orbit without prejudice to the role of the International Telecommunication Union (A/AC.105/1260, paras. 52–77);

(d) National legislation relevant to the peaceful exploration and use of outer space (A/AC.105/1260, paras. 78–91);

(e) Capacity-building in space law (A/AC.105/1260, paras. 92–102);

(f) Future role and method of work of the Committee (A/AC.105/1260, paras. 103–121);

(g) General exchange of information and views on legal mechanisms relating to space debris mitigation and remediation measures, taking into account the work of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee (A/AC.105/1260, paras. 122–149);

(h) General exchange of information on non-legally binding United Nations instruments on outer space (A/AC.105/1260, paras. 150–164);

(i) General exchange of views on the legal aspects of space traffic management (A/AC.105/1260, paras. 165–178);

(j) General exchange of views on the application of international law to small-satellite activities (A/AC.105/1260, paras. 179–202);

(k) General exchange of views on potential legal models for activities in the exploration, exploitation and utilization of space resources (A/AC.105/1260, paras. 203–230 and annex II);

(l) Proposals to the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space for new agenda items to be considered by the Legal Subcommittee at its sixty-second session (A/AC.105/1260, paras. 231–244).

*Proposals to the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space for new items to be considered by the Legal Subcommittee at its sixty-second session*

The Subcommittee, at its sixty-first session, agreed on the items to be proposed to the Committee for inclusion in the agenda of the Subcommittee at its sixty-second session (A/AC.105/1260, para. 234).

The Subcommittee agreed that the International Institute of Space Law and the European Centre for Space Law should again be invited to organize a symposium, to be held during its sixty-second session (A/AC.105/1260, para. 243).

## **9. Space and sustainable development**

In accordance with paragraph 2 of General Assembly resolution [76/76](#), the Committee will consider this item.

The deliberations of the Committee at its sixty-fourth session on its agenda item on space and sustainable development are reflected in its report ([A/76/20](#), paras. 226–241).

The Committee will have before it a report on the United Nations/Austria World Space Forum on the theme “Space 4 climate action” ([A/AC.105/1266](#)) and a report on the United Nations/Brazil/United Arab Emirates Space for Women expert meeting on the theme “Initiatives, challenges and opportunities for women in space” ([A/AC.105/1267](#)).

## **10. Spin-off benefits of space technology: review of current status**

In accordance with paragraph 2 of General Assembly resolution [76/76](#), the Committee will consider this item.

The deliberations of the Committee at its sixty-fourth session on its agenda item entitled “Spin-off benefits of space technology: review of current status” are reflected in its report ([A/76/20](#), paras. 242–250).

## **11. Space and water**

In accordance with paragraph 2 of General Assembly resolution [76/76](#), the Committee will consider this item.

The deliberations of the Committee at its sixty-fourth session on its agenda item on space and water are reflected in its report ([A/76/20](#), paras. 251–259).

## **12. Space and climate change**

In accordance with paragraph 2 of General Assembly resolution [76/76](#), the Committee will consider this item.

The deliberations of the Committee at its sixty-fourth session on its agenda item on space and climate change are reflected in its report (A/76/20, paras. 260–271).

### 13. Use of space technology in the United Nations system

In accordance with paragraph 2 of General Assembly resolution 76/76, the Committee will consider this item.

The deliberations of the Committee at its sixty-fourth session on its agenda item on the use of space technology in the United Nations system are reflected in its report (A/76/20, paras. 272–280).

The Committee will have before it a report of the Inter-Agency Meeting on Outer Space Activities (UN-Space) on its fortieth session (A/AC.105/1263) and a special report of UN-Space on coordination of space-related activities within the United Nations system for climate action (A/AC.105/1264).

### 14. Future role and method of work of the Committee

In accordance with paragraph 2 of General Assembly resolution 76/76, the Committee will consider this item.

The Committee will have before it a note by the Secretariat on the governance and method of work of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space and its subsidiary bodies (A/AC.105/C.1/L.384).

The deliberations on the item relating to the future role and method of work of the Committee are reflected in the report of the Committee at its sixty-fourth session (A/76/20, paras. 281–300), the report of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee at its fifty-ninth session (A/AC.105/1258, paras. 210–223) and the report of the Legal Subcommittee at its sixty-first session (A/AC.105/1260, paras. 103–121).

### 15. Space exploration and innovation

In accordance with paragraph 2 of General Assembly resolution 76/76, the Committee will consider this item.

The deliberations of the Committee at its sixty-fourth session on its agenda item on space exploration and innovation are reflected in its report (A/76/20, paras. 301–315).

### 16. “Space2030” Agenda

In accordance with paragraph 2 of General Assembly resolution 76/76, the Committee will consider this item.

The deliberations of the Committee at its sixty-fourth session on its agenda item on the “Space2030” Agenda are reflected in its report (A/76/20, paras. 316–333 and annex II).

The General Assembly, in its resolution 76/3, entitled “The ‘Space2030’ Agenda: space as a driver of sustainable development”, adopted the “Space2030” Agenda and implementation plan.

### 17. Other matters

In accordance with paragraph 2 of General Assembly resolution 76/76, the Committee will consider this item.

The deliberations of the Committee at its sixty-fourth session under its agenda item entitled “Other matters” are reflected in its report (A/76/20, paras. 334–364).

*Composition of the bureaux of the Committee and its subsidiary bodies for the period 2024–2025*

In paragraph 11 of its resolution 58/89, the General Assembly endorsed the agreement reached by the Committee on the future composition of the bureaux of the Committee

and its subsidiary bodies (A/58/20, annex II, paras. 5–9), on the basis of the measures relating to the working methods of the Committee and its subsidiary bodies (see A/52/20, annex I, and A/58/20, annex II, appendix III), which had been endorsed by the Assembly in its resolution 52/56.

In accordance with the measures relating to the future composition of the bureaux of the Committee and its subsidiary bodies, the Committee should reach agreement at its sixty-fifth session on all the officers of the bureaux for the period 2024–2025.

#### *Membership of the Committee*

The Scientific and Technical Subcommittee, at its fifty-ninth session, was informed by the Secretariat of the application for membership in the Committee submitted by Guatemala and Uzbekistan (A/AC.105/1258, para. 14). The Legal Subcommittee, at its sixty-first session, was informed by the Secretariat of the application for membership in the Committee submitted by Guatemala and Uzbekistan (A/AC.105/1260, para. 12). The Committee will have those applications before it for consideration at its sixty-fifth session.

#### *Permanent observer status with the Committee*

The Scientific and Technical Subcommittee, at its fifty-ninth session, was informed by the Secretariat of the applications for permanent observer status with the Committee submitted by the Association for the Development of the Atlantic International Research Centre, The Hague Institute for Global Justice and the Access Space Alliance (A/AC.105/1258, para. 15). The Legal Subcommittee, at its sixty-first session, was informed by the Secretariat of the applications for permanent observer status with the Committee submitted by the Access Space Alliance, The Hague Institute for Global Justice, the Association for the Development of the Atlantic International Research Centre and the International Peace Alliance (Space) (A/AC.105/1260, para. 13). The Committee will have those applications before it for consideration at its sixty-fifth session.

#### *Other matters*

The Committee may wish to discuss matters in addition to those listed above, as appropriate.

## Annex

### **Indicative schedule of work of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space at its sixty-fifth session\***

1. The work of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space at its sixty-fifth session has been scheduled without precedent for any future organization of work and taking into account the extraordinary situation caused by the global coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, which has had unprecedented and multifaceted effects.
2. Owing to travel and meeting restrictions resulting from the pandemic, the session will be held in a hybrid format. If restrictions resulting from pandemic-related developments preclude the holding of the session in such a format, the Chair of the Committee will convene consultations with a view to reaching consensus on an organization of work through a new decision.
3. Meetings with full interpretation services will be limited to two two-hour meetings per day for the duration of the session.
4. The number of statements to be made at each meeting under item 5, entitled "General exchange of views", may be limited, as necessary, in order to allow sufficient time for other agenda items to be considered as planned for each meeting. Statements should be limited to seven minutes in duration. The Chair should remind delegations when one minute remains and should interrupt the delivery of the statement when seven minutes have elapsed.
5. The Secretariat will upload statements that have been voluntarily submitted by States for uploading to the website of the Office for Outer Space Affairs in a timely manner. Upon submitting statements for interpretation purposes, delegations are to inform the Secretariat as to whether the statement may be uploaded to the website.
6. In accordance with the decision of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee at its fifty-ninth session in 2022 (A/AC.105/1258, para. 237 and annex III, para. 6), the Working Group on the Use of Nuclear Power Sources in Outer Space will meet on the margins of the sixty-fifth session of the Committee.
7. Presentations may be delivered in any of the six official languages of the United Nations. Owing to the limited meeting hours available with full interpretation services at the sixty-fifth session, no interpretation will be provided for the presentations, which will be scheduled from 9.45 to 10.45 a.m. and from 5.15 to 6.15 p.m. Central European Summer Time (CEST). The presentations should be closely linked to the agenda items of the Committee and should not exceed 12 minutes in duration. Delegations will be reminded when 1 minute remains, and delivery of the presentation will be interrupted when 12 minutes have elapsed.
8. Delegations of States members of the Committee may provide language-related comments on the report of the Committee adopted during the session within one week after the closure of the session.
9. An indicative schedule of work is provided below. It will be formally adopted at the 1st meeting of the Committee. Any further changes to the indicative schedule may be decided by the Committee no later than 48 hours before the start of the scheduled meeting.

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\* At its thirty-eighth session, the Committee agreed that member States would continue to be provided with an indicative schedule of work, which would be without prejudice to the actual timing of consideration of specific agenda items (*Official Records of the General Assembly, Fiftieth Session, Supplement No. 20 (A/50/20)*, para. 169 (b)).



**Indicative schedule of work**

<i>Date</i>	<i>Morning (11 a.m.–1 p.m. CEST)</i>	<i>Informal meetings (1.30–2.45 p.m. CEST)</i>	<i>Afternoon (3–5 p.m. CEST)</i>
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<i>Date</i>	<i>Morning (11 a.m.–1 p.m. CEST)</i>	<i>Informal meetings (1.30–2.45 p.m. CEST)</i>	<i>Afternoon (3–5 p.m. CEST)</i>
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