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**Committee on the Peaceful  
Uses of Outer Space  
Legal Subcommittee  
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Vienna, 20–31 March 2023  
Item 10 of the provisional agenda\***  
**General exchange of views on potential legal models  
for activities in the exploration, exploitation, and  
utilization of space resources**

## **Bahrain – Input to the Working Group on Legal Aspects of Space Resource Activities**

The present conference room paper was prepared by the Secretariat on the basis of information received from Bahrain. The information was reproduced in the form it was received.

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With reference to the Invitation Circular (Reference No. OOSA/2022/40-CU 2022/197) dated 1 July 2022, here is the official reply of the Kingdom of Bahrain through the National Space Science Agency (NSSA) on the invitation of the Chair and Vice-Chair to State members to provide their views with regard to the mandate and purpose of the Working Group:

- The type of space resources that fall within the mandate and scope of the Working Group.
  - Space laws, resolutions, etc. adopted and applied in each state members
  - United Nations treaties and resolutions relevant to space and space utilizations
  - UNOOSA and COPUOS decisions and recommendations
- The type of activities that fall within the mandate and scope of the Working Group.
  - Holding regular meetings for state members to discuss legal aspects and to collect feedback
  - Monitoring new trends/activities in the space industry and discussing them with state members to set legal frameworks and standards
  - Revise UN space treaties and suggest new ones to accommodate the new trends/activities in the space industry
- The type of information to be collected by the Working Group in accordance with its mandate.
  - Create a database for the space legal status of each state's members
  - Collect and analyze state members' feedback and suggestions on the legal aspects relevant to the space industry
  - Create a database for space legal experts and specialists in each state's members
- The views of States members regarding the existing legal framework for space resource activities.
  - Surveying the purpose and provide a good source of information on the status of each state's members
- The current practices and challenges in the implementation of the existing legal framework for such activities.
  - Currently there is no consistency between state members in submitting the required information
  - Main challenge is to validate the collected information



- The benefits and challenges to the development of a framework for such activities.
  - Benefits:
    - To have a good model to be adopted by state members
    - To build on best practices and experiences
  - Challenges:
    - To convince state members to submit the required information, as currently, it is optional
    - To meet all state members' expectations
- The relevant factors for the development of a set of initial recommended principles for such activities.
  - Getting the majority of state members' agreement on the adopted principles
  - Practicality of the selected factors
  - Cost and time for the implementations
- The format, agenda, topics and other details of the dedicated conference (currently) scheduled for 2024.
  - Format:
    - Keynote speakers
    - Panel discussions
    - Committees and sub-committees meeting with a special focus on certain topics
  - Agenda:
    - Importance of international legal space collaborations
    - Addressing new space industry trends and activities
    - Sharing case studies
    - Current status of space law in state members and how to improve it
  - Topics:
    - Space debris
    - Space traffic management
    - Space activities privatization
    - Colonization of celestial objects
    - Space mining
    - Utilization of space resources
    - Are the UN space treaties still standing?
    - Is there a need for an international space law?
    - Access to space especially for emerging nations
    - How to maintain/support a new generation in the space law field
    - Space activities insurance
    - The need for an international space court



- Any other background or information paper, or any other views, that States members may wish to share.

It is important to distinguish between emerging and well-established countries in space activities in applying any new rules/restrictions/conditions in utilizing the space.

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