

Non-paper by the Chair of the Working Group on the Long-term Sustainability of Outer Space Activities

Draft text to ensure continuity of work

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The following draft text is provided to assist delegations in preparing for the formal meeting scheduled for 1 September 2021 and to help ensure continuity of work until the fifty-ninth session of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee in 2022.

1. The Working Group agreed that a list of Working Group Points of Contact should be established to facilitate faster and effective dissemination of information, to be used in addition to continuing to use formal means of communication and requested the Secretariat to send a formal request, following the present session, to States members of the Committee to nominate Points of Contact, preferably before the end of September 2021.
2. The Working Group agreed that it would hold virtual informal consultations from 22 to 24 November 2021 to advance discussions on its terms of reference, methods of work and workplan and requested the Chair and the Secretariat make the necessary arrangements for such informal consultations.
3. The Working Group agreed that it would hold an intersessional meeting from 3 to 4 February 2022 to further advance agreement on its terms of reference, methods of work and workplan and requested the Chair and the Secretariat to make the necessary arrangements for such a meeting.
4. The Working Group agreed that any comments on the proposal put forward in A/AC.105/2021/CRP.18 submitted to the Chair and the Secretariat by 18 October 2021 would be consolidated into a draft document, which would form the basis of discussion at the informal consultations in November 2021. That document would be available in English only and would be shared with Working Group members by no later than 1 November. The Secretariat was requested to process the draft document coming out of the informal consultations in November 2021 into all the official languages of the United Nations for further consideration at the intersessional meeting in February 2022.