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Annotated provisional agenda

Provisional agenda^{*}

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^{*} The present provisional agenda is exceptional and is meant to mitigate the challenges posed by the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic and ensure business continuity for the Committee and its subcommittees into the cycle of meetings in 2021. It does not constitute a precedent. See official communication from the Office for Outer Space Affairs to States members of the Committee dated 16 July 2020.



Annotations*

1. Adoption of the agenda

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

2. Election of officers

At its sixty-second session, in 2019, the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space noted that, for the period 2020–2021, the Eastern European States had endorsed the candidature of Marius-Ioan Piso (Romania) for the office of Chair of the Committee, the African States had endorsed the candidature of Francis Chizea (Nigeria) for the office of First Vice-Chair of the Committee, and the Latin American and Caribbean States had endorsed the candidature of Ricardo Gil Ochoa (Colombia) for the office of Second Vice-Chair/Rapporteur of the Committee ([A/73/20](#), paras. 366–368).

In its resolution [74/82](#), the General Assembly reiterated, with regard to the composition of the bureaux of the Committee and its subcommittees for the period 2020–2021, that the Committee and its subcommittees should elect their officers at their respective sessions in 2020 in accordance with that composition.

3. Endorsement of the report of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee on its fifty-seventh session and request to the Secretariat to invite member States and permanent observers, as applicable, to submit contributions to the work of the Subcommittee at its fifty-eighth session, to be held in 2021

The Committee will have before it the report of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee on its fifty-seventh session ([A/AC.105/1224](#)).

At its fifty-seventh session, the Subcommittee made the following recommendations and requests to invite contributions from member States and permanent observers, as appropriate, to the work at its fifty-eighth session:

(a) The Subcommittee recommended that the Secretariat continue to invite Member States to submit annual reports on their space activities ([A/AC.105/1224](#), para. 34);

(b) The Subcommittee took note of paragraph 13 of General Assembly resolution [74/82](#) and agreed that Member States and international organizations having permanent observer status with the Committee should continue to be invited to provide reports on research on space debris, the safety of space objects with nuclear power sources on board, problems relating to the collision of such space objects with space debris and the ways in which debris mitigation guidelines were being implemented ([A/AC.105/1224](#), para. 109);

(c) The Subcommittee endorsed the report of the Working Group on Space and Global Health ([A/AC.105/1224](#), para. 247), which contained the following relevant requests:

(i) The Working Group requested the Secretariat to invite further contributions to the questionnaire on policies, experiences and practices in the use of space science and technology for global health ([A/AC.105/1224](#), annex III, para. 13 and appendix);

(ii) The Working Group also requested the Secretariat to continue to invite States members of the Committee to provide the details of national points of contact for the Working Group ([A/AC.105/1224](#), annex III, para. 14).

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

Long-term sustainability of outer space activities

Recalling paragraphs 165–168 of its report on its sixty-second session (A/74/20) and paragraphs 195 and 196 of the report of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee on its fifty-seventh session (A/AC.105/1224), and acknowledging the unique circumstances surrounding the global coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, it is proposed that the Committee decide that States members of the Committee should continue to consider the election of the bureau of the working group under the agenda item on the long-term sustainability of outer space activities of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee and the development of its terms of reference, methods of work and workplan, at the fifty-eighth session of the Subcommittee, to be held in 2021.

Draft provisional agenda for the fifty-eighth session of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee

The Scientific and Technical Subcommittee, at its fifty-seventh session, agreed on the items to be proposed to the Committee for inclusion in the agenda of the Subcommittee at its fifty-eighth session, in 2021 (A/AC.105/1224, para. 260).

Symposium

In accordance with the agreement reached by the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee at its forty-fourth session (A/AC.105/890, annex I, para. 24), the International Astronautical Federation will organize a symposium, to be held at the fifty-eighth session of the Subcommittee, in 2021 (A/AC.105/1224, annex I, para. 13).

4. Endorsement of the report of the Legal Subcommittee on its fifty-ninth session and the agenda for its sixtieth session, and request to the Secretariat to invite member States and permanent observers, as applicable, to submit contributions to the work of the Subcommittee at its sixtieth session, to be held in 2021

See the annotations contained in the annotated provisional agenda for the fifty-ninth session of the Legal Subcommittee (A/AC.105/C.2/L.312/Rev.1).

5. Procedural decision on the “Space2030” agenda

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 73/6, the decisions made by the Committee at its sixty-first session (A/73/20, paras. 358–363) and the method of work and workplan of the Working Group on the “Space2030” Agenda of the Committee (A/AC.105/1202, annex IV, appendix), the Working Group on the “Space2030” Agenda held meetings during the fifty-seventh session of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee, in 2020 (see A/AC.105/1224, annex IV).

Based on the work of the Working Group during that session of the Subcommittee, the revised draft “Space2030” agenda and implementation plan (A/AC.105/C.2/L.316) has been made available in all official languages of the United Nations, in accordance with its workplan, for further consideration.

In view of the extraordinary arrangements for the fifty-ninth session of the Legal Subcommittee and the sixty-third session of the Committee, and hence the cancellation of the meetings of the Working Group that were to be held as per its workplan for the remainder of 2020, it is proposed that the Working Group extend its workplan for one year in order to enable it to consider a final consolidated draft of the “Space2030” agenda and implementation plan and submit it to the Committee at its sixty-fourth session, in 2021, under the agenda item “‘Space2030’ agenda”, which is to be maintained on the agenda of the Committee at its sixty-fourth session, and that the Committee consider the outcome of its work and provide it to the General Assembly for consideration by the Assembly at its seventy-sixth session, to be held in 2021.

6. Nomination of officers of the bureaux of the Committee and its subsidiary bodies for the period 2022–2023

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 General 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-third session on the nomination of all officers of the bureaux of the Committee and its subsidiary bodies for the term of office 2022–2023.

7. Draft provisional agenda for the sixty-fourth session of the Committee, to be held in 2021

It is proposed that the Committee decide to consider at its sixty-fourth session, to be held in 2021, the same substantive items that were recommended to be considered by the Committee at its sixty-third session, in 2020 (see [A/74/20](#), para. 374).

8. Adoption of the report of the Committee to the General Assembly

The Committee will have before it the draft report on its sixty-third session, in English only, for its adoption.

Annex

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

The schedule of work laid out below is a general guide to the dates and times when agenda items will be addressed during the course of the session. The consideration of all agenda items can be advanced, extended or delayed, depending on the requirements of the members of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space and any organizational constraints faced during the course of the session.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Morning (10 a.m.–noon)</i>	<i>Afternoon (2–4 p.m.)</i>
9 and 10 September 2020		
Wednesday, 9 September	Item 1. Adoption of the agenda Item 2. Election of officers Item 3. Endorsement of the report of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee Item 4. Endorsement of the report of the Legal Subcommittee	Item 5. Procedural decision on the “Space2030” agenda Item 6. Nomination of bureau officers for the period 2022–2023 Item 7. Draft provisional agenda for the sixty-fourth session of the Committee
Thursday, 10 September	Item 8. Adoption of the report of the Committee to the General Assembly	Item 8. Adoption of the report of the Committee to the General Assembly

* 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 (A/50/20, para. 169 (b)).