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INVITATION CIRCULAR

To: Permanent Missions of States members of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (COPUOS) and organizations with permanent observer status with the Committee

From: United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs (UNOOSA)

Subject: Working Group on Legal Aspects of Space Resource Activities of the Legal Subcommittee of COPUOS:
Invitation to provide contributions on elements for an initial draft set of recommended principles for space resource activities

1. At its sixty-seventh session, COPUOS endorsed the report of the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Working Group on Legal Aspects of Space Resource Activities of the Legal Subcommittee (A/79/20, para. 221, to be issued), which is contained in annex III to the report of the Committee. Document [A/AC.105/C.2/L.332](#) is available for reference.
2. As agreed by the Working Group, the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Working Group hereby invite States members of the Committee and organizations with permanent observer status with the Committee to provide any further contributions relevant to the elements for an initial draft set of recommended principles for space resource activities. (A/79/20, annex III, para 8, to be issued).
3. Mindful that consensus could not be reached to adopt a substantive report of the Legal Subcommittee on its sixty-third session, (A/79/20, para.187, to be issued), the Chair and Vice-Chair note that necessary adjustments have been made to the schedule outlined in the report of the Working Group as contained in annex III to the report of the Committee on its sixty-seventh session, and therefore request that States members and permanent observers provide contributions via email directly to the Chair, Mr. Andrzej Misztal (Poland), Vice-Chair, Mr. Steven Freeland (Australia) and the secretariat, at andrzej.misztal1@outlook.com, s.freeland@westernsydney.edu.au and unoosa-spacelaw@un.org, respectively, not later than **15 November 2024**.
4. With regard to the necessary schedule adjustments, the Chair and Vice-Chair would like to inform that an initial draft set of recommended principles for space resource activities, based on responses received and discussions undertaken thus far, will be circulated to States members of the Committee during March 2025, and that an online intersessional meeting of the Working Group will be held in April 2025, prior to the sixty-fourth session of the Legal Subcommittee from 8 to 16 May 2025, with details to be provided in due course.