

## IAA Study Group Status Report

**Responsible Commission:** Commission 5 Space Policy, Law & Economics

**Study Number and Title:** 5.16 Study on International Legal and Policy Regimes for Space Natural Resources Exploitation and Utilization (SREU)

**Short Study Description** (repeat from Study Group Proposal):

As to SREU, three questions should be taken into consideration: (1) Insofar as international law is concerned, it is not whether there is kind of property right under international law, but whether States under international law and the relevant treaties are permitted to allow this; (2) Whether private appropriation on space resources violate international law, by claiming ownership or by any other means; (3) Why an international mechanism for SREU is imperative, what should it be and to which extent it will impact on development of international space law and policy?

The above questions and beyond are supposed to be prospected and examined within this research framework.

**Progress in past six months:**

Continue to identify and expend study group team members, including inviting some Chinese experts from space academies and institutions. Some other international experts in space law or policy have been invited and still under confirmation.

Organized the third and fourth seminars in China among Chinese experts to review the outcomes from other important platforms, in particular “The Draft Building Blocks for the Development of an International Framework on Space Resources”, from The Hague Space Resources Governance Working Group. On account of that, continue to develop our draft outline and got the third

The outline is expected to be reviewed among all experts and agreed by the end of 2018. And the Draft Preliminary Report plans to be finished by end of 2019.

**Website Study Information update:** (please give any update regarding Study Group Membership, documents, Study Plan and Schedule):

The draft of framework of the report

**Issues requiring resolution?** (recommend approach):

The final report is supposed to be outlined and produced on base of the existing or ongoing researches, in particular the outcomes from other IAA SG and the Hague WG.

The SG is expected to keep up with the process of the activities of such important international fora and consider to invite research members from the above WG or SG to join in this SG.

Besides, the secretariat of this SG is trying to raise financial resources to support the relevant activities, such as international meeting and beyond.

**Product Deliveries on Schedule?** (If modified explain rationale):

The SG apply to extend this research by the end of 2019. As stated above, the researches under the Hague WG would be served as a very reasonable and necessary complement and reference for our work. The work of it is scheduled to be ended by the year of 2019 as well.

**Study Team Member Changes?** (List any Study Team Members that you wish to discontinue, and provide names plus contact coordinates of any Members you wish to add on the second page of this Study Update form.) Note: Complete contact information including email, tel. and fax must be provided for all additions. Only Members with complete contact information will be listed and receive formal appointment letters from the IAA Secretariat.)

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**Status Report Date:** Feb. 26, 2018

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Effectivity Date: Feb. 26, 2018

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