



COPUOS Activities

Working Group on the Long-term Sustainability of Outer Space Activities

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- **2019 COPUOS adopted the preamble and 21 guidelines**
(COPUOS report A/74/20, annex II)
- **2019 COPUOS decided to establish an new LTS Working Group of the STSC under a five-year workplan**
(A/74/20, para. 165)
- **2021 STSC elected Umamaheswaran R. (India) as Chair of the Working Group**
- **2022 STSC ToR, Methods of Work, Work Plan adopted**
(after intense deliberations at 2021 STSC, 2021 COPUOS, and during two intersessional informal meetings)

- **LTS WG Mandate**

- Identifying and studying challenges and considering possible new guidelines** for the long-term sustainability of outer space activities. This could be done by taking into consideration existing documents including, inter alia, documents A/AC.105/C.1/L.367 and A/AC.105/2019/CRP.16;
- Sharing experiences, practices and lessons learned from voluntary national implementation of the adopted guidelines;**
- Raising awareness and building capacity**, in particular among emerging space nations and developing countries (A/74/20, para. 167).



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- **LTS ToR**

The Working Group will produce a thorough report on the LTSSA, containing the following:

- a) Information on the **identification and study of challenges**, and corresponding recommendations, as well as possible new guidelines for the long-term sustainability of outer space activities;
- b) Information on **experiences, practices and lessons learned** from voluntary implementation of the adopted Guidelines and recommendations for their further practical implementation;
- c) Information on and recommendations for **capacity-building and awareness-raising activities**, including those related to improving international cooperation in capacity-building, taking into particular consideration the requirements of emerging space nations and developing countries;
- d) Recommendations on future activities and work.

- **ToR cont**

- The Working Group will structure its discussions in a **sequential non-simultaneous and balanced manner** under the leadership of the Chair, **giving equal importance and an equitable amount of time to each of the three elements** of the guiding framework.

- **Multi-year Workplan**

- 5-year workplan 2022 – 2026
- NO meetings of the WG at 2022 COPUOS
- Informal Intersessional Meeting in autumn 2022
- ...
- 2024 Workshop with inputs from national governmental organizations, international intergovernmental organizations, non-governmental organizations, the private sector and academia

