SMPAG Ad-hoc Working Group on Legal Issues

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Background

During the 6th meeting of SMPAG in February 2016, the SMPAG agreed on the establishment of the Ad-hoc Working Group of Legal Issues.

Objectives:

• Formulate and prioritize relevant legal issues and questions requiring clarification in regard to the work of SMPAG.

• Consider the legal questions in the context of existing treaties.

• Devise a plan of action to tackle outstanding issues.
### Proposed members from the legal community

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Rules for membership

- Nominated by SMPAG members only?
- Specific qualification required? E.g. legal expert, degree in space law?
- Maximum number of working group members?
Proposed WG schedule

• 2016 Oct.14th: Confirmation of membership, SMPAG meeting in Pasadena.
• 2016 Nov. 10th: 16:00 UTC. Team’s 1st Conference call
• 2017 Feb. (?): First physical meeting, UNCOPUOS, Vienna
• 2017 ? Meeting at a conference of relevance for Space Lawyers
• 2017 May: Presentation at Planetary Defense Conference, Tokyo
• 2017 Fall: First results available.
• 2018 Feb: Presentation, COPUOS Legal Sub Committee, Vienna
• 2018 June: Report at UNISPACE +50?
• 2018 +: Involvement of Legal Sub Committee?
Working group participation from SMPAG

- Gerhard Drolshagen, ESA
- Detlef Koschney, ESA
- Line Drube, DLR
- ?
WG organization

- **End User:** SMPAG or Legal Sub Committee?

- **WG Coordinator:** Line Drube (?)  
  Will coordinate the work and coordinate with the SMPAG.

- Day-to-day help

- **Permanent secretariat?**