

SMPAG Ad-hoc Working Group on Legal Issues

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Knowledge for Tomorrow

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

Representing	Profession	Name	Office
Germany	Space Lawyer	Peter Stubbe	ESA-Affairs, DLR
Belgium	Space Lawyer	Jean-François Mayence	Legal Unit "International Relations", BELSPO
UK	Space Lawyer	Nicholas Fernandes	Department for Business Innovation & Skills, UK Government
Austrian National Point of Contact for Space Law of the European Centre for Space Law	Professor of International Law	Irmgard Marboe	Department of European Law, International Law and Comparative Law, University of Vienna
Austrian National Point of Contact for Space Law of the European Centre for Space Law	Space Law Research Assistant	Cordula Steinkogler	Department of European Law, International Law and Comparative Law, University of Vienna
ASE	Professor of Space Law	Frans G. von der Dunk	College of Law, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Italy	Space Lawyer	Sergio Marchisio	Professor of Aerospace Law at the University "La Sapienza", member of the ASI Boards of Directors.
ESA	Space Law Experts	Alexander Soucek	ESA Program Coordinator for Earth Observation
USA	Space Law Experts	Michael "Mick" Schlabs	International Law Practice Group, Office Of The General Counsel, HQ Nasa
Mexico	Professor of Space Law and telecommunications	Rosa Ma. Ramírez de Arellano y Haro	Deputy Director for International Affairs and Space Security, Mexican Space Agency
OOSA	Legal expert	TBD	OOSA representative



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
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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?**

