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Publication of the SMPAG LWG Report

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- 1. Publication of the Report** of the SMPAG Ad-Hoc Working Group on Legal Issues in **Journals, Blogs etc**
- 2. Dissemination** of the Report as a **Conference Room Paper (CRP)** at **UNCOPUOS**
- 3. Presentation** of the Report at international conferences such as **PDC, IAC, COSPAR**



Journals

- The Report could be published in a **journal** to raise **awareness** among **academia**. For publication the Report could be accompanied by a **commentary**.
- **Possible journals:**
 - German Journal of Air and Space Law - Zeitschrift für Luft- und Weltraumrecht (Institute of Air Law, Space Law and Cyber Law, University of Cologne, Carl Heymanns)
 - Acta Astronautica (International Academy of Astronautics, Elsevier)
 - Journal of Space Law (Center for Air and Space Law, University of Mississippi School of Law)
 - Air & Space Law (Wolters Kluwer)
 - Space Research Today (COSPAR, Elsevier)



Blogs, E-Publications and ILM

- **Possible blogs and e-publications:**
 - Space law related blogs (e.g.: Leiden University Law School – Leiden Law Blog: Air and Space law; Center for Air and Space Law, University of Mississippi School of Law – Air and Space Law Blog)
 - Security related blogs (e.g.: Lawfare; Just Security)
 - American Society of International Law: ASIL Insights
 - European Journal of International Law: EJIL Talk
 - American Journal of International Law: AJIL Unbound
- American Society of International Law – **International Legal Materials**

UNCOPUOS

- The Report could be made available for **information to delegations** as a **Conference Room Paper (CRP)** at the **UNCOPUOS Scientific and Technical Subcommittee and the Legal Subcommittee** in 2021
- This would have several **advantages**, such as:
 - **Raise awareness** among **UNCOPUOS delegates** and increase their knowledge about the topic
 - The Report would be **officially recorded in the UN documentation system** and can easily be retrieved at any time
- **An open question is who will introduce and possibly present the CRP:** SMPAG, UNOOSA, a member state (e.g. Germany - DLR), an observer (e.g. ESA)?



International Conferences

- The Report could be presented at international conferences such as:
 - Planetary Defense Conference (April 2021)
 - International Astronautical Congress (October 2021)
 - COSPAR Assembly (January 2021)
- This could **highlight** the **work of the SMPAG Legal Working Group** and **raise awareness with regard to legal aspects** of planetary defence
- Members of the SMPAG LWG could **submit abstracts**

Next Steps

- Contact Journal, Blog etc and prepare for publication
- Preparation of a UNCOPUOS CRP for 2021 and possible technical presentation
- Submit abstract for presentation of the Report at international conferences