20 October 2022

Excellency,

By its resolution 76/55, the General Assembly decided to convene a joint half-day panel discussion of the Disarmament and International Security Committee (First Committee) and the Special Political and Decolonialization Committee (Fourth Committee) to address possible challenges to space security and sustainability.

Reference is made to the draft programme for the joint panel discussion of the First and Fourth Committees on possible challenges to space security and sustainability prepared by the Office for Disarmament Affairs and the Office for Outer Space Affairs as contained in document A/C.1/77/CRP.3-A/C.4/77/CRP.1, which was circulated for information.

In accordance with past practice and consultations with the respective Committee Bureau members, the Chairs of the First and Fourth Committees are pleased to share for your information the programme for the joint panel discussion.

With a view to ensuring geographically and gender-balanced representation of panelists, the Coordinators of the Regional Groups, in consultation with the Member States of their respective regions, are each invited to nominate one additional panelist if they so wish. Panelists will be entitled to make their presentations in-person or by a pre-recorded statement. Nominations are kindly requested no later than 3pm EST on Monday, 24 October. Nominations may be sent to the Secretariat (Mr. Tsutomu Kono, konot@un.org).

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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Mohan Pieris
Chair
General Assembly First Committee

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Mohamed Al Hassan
Chair
General Assembly Fourth Committee

Permanent Missions to the
United Nations in New York
Programme

Thursday, 27 October 2022

10:00-10:20 a.m.  Opening of the Panel
Opening of the panel discussion by the Chairs of the First and Fourth Committees
Remarks by the High Representative for Disarmament Affairs
Remarks by the Acting Director of the Office for Outer Space Affairs

10:20-11:00 a.m.  Panel presentations on space security and sustainability, including introduction of the work of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space and of the open-ended working group on reducing space threats through norms, rules and principles of responsible behaviours
Presentation by the Chair of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space
Presentation by the Chair of the Open-ended working group on reducing space threats through norms, rules and principles of responsible behaviours
Presentation by Professor Nayef Al Rodhan, Geneva Centre for Security Policy
Presentation by Professor Guoyu Wang, Beijing Institute of Technology
Presentation by Jennifer Warren, Satellite Industry Association

11:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m.  Interactive dialogue among Member States¹

¹ A Co-Chairs' summary of the interactive dialogue among delegations will be issued after the conclusion of the panel discussion.