

# Committee Background Paper

## *COPUOS*

The Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (COPUOS), was established in 1958 as an ad-hoc committee of the United Nations in order to discuss the arising situations of space exploration and its use, approved formally as a stable body in 1959. Since then it has been closely related to the United Nations Office of Outer Space Affairs (UNOOSA) which provides the secretariat services to this committee.

In Geneva 1962, due to the complex issues arising beside the space technology development, two subcommittees arose, the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee, and the Legal Subcommittee, in order to tackle the two main concerns of this committee.

Since instituted, this committee has been tasked to maintain the peace, security and right development of space, its use and exploration, undertaking as responsibility situations such as encouraging research programs, space-related activities of interest for the United Nations, studying arising legal problems and the use of space technology in order to achieve global development goals for the human benefit.

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