



# INTERNATIONAL SPACE POLICY WORKING GROUP

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# COPUOS GUIDELINES FOR THE LONG TERM SUSTAINABILITY OF OUTER SPACE

## **Observation**

Following the adoption by COPUOS earlier this year of the first twelve *Guidelines for the Long Term Sustainability of Outer Space* (LTS Guidelines), the U.S. delegation to COPUOS continues to press for the adoption of further guidelines.

## **Findings**

COMSTAC finds that the adoption of further LTS Guidelines will benefit the U.S. space industry. Therefore, COMSTAC supports the adoption of further LTS Guidelines that benefit the U.S. space industry and commits to providing its assistance to the U.S. delegation in its continued efforts. In particular, COMSTAC will make efforts to send a COMSTAC representative to the appropriate COPUOS subcommittee (or plenary) meetings to support the U.S. delegation.

# SPECTRUM ALLOCATION

## **Observation**

COMSTAC observes that predictable and stable access to spectrum is necessary to support existing and emerging commercial space operations, and that the international regulatory process has begun for considering changes to the existing international spectrum allocation table.

## **Finding**

COMSTAC finds that it is critical to ensure that the commercial space industry has an advocate on behalf of preserving or securing access to spectrum in order to advance U.S. leadership in commercial space operations.

## **Recommendation**

COMSTAC recommends that the appropriate office at FAA that is engaged in domestic and international spectrum decision-making advocate for U.S. commercial space spectrum interests. This recommendation is consistent with U.S. space policy and with FAA's mission.

# EXPORT CONTROLS MANUAL

## **Observation**

COMSTAC has been asked by the Department of Commerce to assist with updating the 2008 manual *Introduction to U.S. Export Controls for the Commercial Space Industry*.

## **Finding**

COMSTAC recognizes the benefit provided by the manual (particularly to start-up enterprises) and agrees that the manual needs to be updated due to the significant changes to the export control regulations applicable to space technology.

## **Recommends**

COMSTAC finds that it would be beneficial to the space industry for the International Space Policy Working Group (in addition to other interested COMSTAC members) to assist the DOC in the revision of the manual.

# FINAL RULE ON CATEGORY XV OF THE USML

## **Observation**

COMSTAC observes that the Department of State intends to publish a Final Rule regarding the content of Category XV (Spacecraft Systems and Related Articles) of the United States Munitions List.

## **Finding**

COMSTAC finds that industry would benefit from the publication of a Final Rule due to the clarity such a rule would provide to industry regarding export controls applicable to space technology. The issuance of any correlating changes to the Export Administration Regulations (EAR) by the Department of Commerce should also be expedited.

## **Recommendation**

The COMSTAC recommends that the FAA AST engage in interagency discussions to transmit the COMSTAC's support for the publication of the Final Rule, as well as any corresponding changes to the EAR, as quickly as is reasonably possible.

# UPDATE ON AST INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

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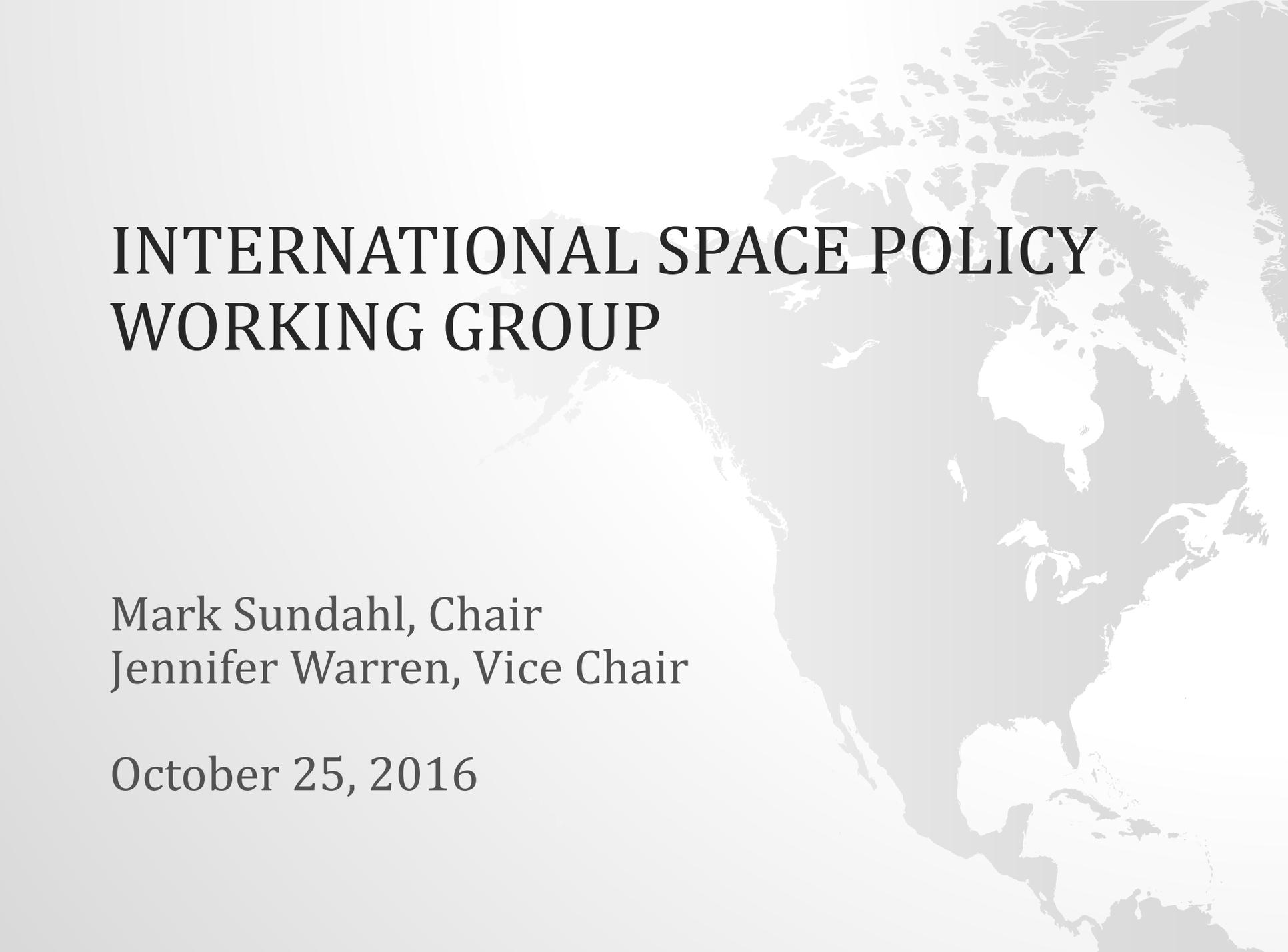
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# DARPA *CONFERS* PROGRAM

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# SPACE RESOURCE EXPLORATION AND UTILIZATION ACT OF 2015

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