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THE HAGUE INTERNATIONAL SPACE RESOURCES GOVERNANCE WORKING GROUP: THIRD
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Abstract

As in previous years, this third Progress Report provides an update on the developments of The Hague International Space Resources Governance Working Group. It focuses on the results of the last meeting of its first phase, which ended in December 2017 and provides an overview of the expected activities in its second phase from 2018-2019.

Following a very brief recap of the purpose and functioning of the Working Group, the paper will focus on the major milestone achieved at the end of the first phase, namely the “Draft Building Blocks for the Development of an International Framework on Space Resource Activities”. The Building Blocks were formulated as a basis for negotiations on a future governance system for the use of space resources and were widely made available in order to gather feedback from the international community at large, the results of which will be presented.

The paper will also report on other progress made during the second phase of the Working Group, such as the establishment of a technical panel and the results of the fifth face-to-face meeting.

Lastly, the paper provides insight into the prospects for a successful conclusion of the activities of the Working Group and the way forward toward an international framework for the governance of space resources.

All authors are closely involved with the creation and activities of the Working Group.