

Aide-Mémoire

Open-ended working group on the prevention of an arms race in outer space in all its aspects

I. DATE AND VENUE

1. The third session of the Open-ended working group (OEWG) on the prevention of an arms race in outer space in all its aspects is scheduled to take place from 6 to 10 July 2026 in Room XVI at the Palais des Nations ([map](#)), Geneva, Switzerland.
2. The session will be held fully in person, with meetings from 10:00 – 13:00 and from 15:00 – 18:00.
3. Information on the OEWG and its official documents are available at <https://meetings.unoda.org/open-ended-working-group-on-prevention-of-an-arms-race-in-outer-space-2025>.
4. Live streaming for public meetings from the United Nations Office at Geneva (UNOG) will be available on <https://listen-live.unog.ch/en/>. Due to financial constraints, no webcasting will be available.

II. REGISTRATION

5. The e-deleGATE platform will be used to facilitate the work of the OEWG. The platform can be accessed at <https://edelegate.un.int/>, where the “Open-ended working group on PAROS” appears under the tab “Geneva”. Account and user management for delegations is administered by the designated access administrators within Permanent Missions accredited to the United Nations Office at Geneva. Members of delegations and relevant staff of Permanent Missions should contact their access administrator to obtain access to the modules used by the OEWG.
6. All member States are requested to use e-deleGATE to register all members of their delegations to the third session of the OEWG through the e-List of Participants module. Any changes in the composition of delegations during the session should be recorded making use of the same module. Please note that delegations are required to upload a note verbale containing the composition of their delegation via e-deleGATE.
7. All participants without a United Nations grounds passes for the Palais des Nations, must register on the OEWG page on Indico: <https://indico.un.org/event/1019458>. Participants in possession of a valid grounds pass do not need to register.
8. A detailed [user guide](#) on Indico registration is available for reference. For technical questions, such as the non-receipt of confirmation of the account creation or non-receipt of the QR code, please contact support.accreditation@un.org.
 - Participants who already have an Indico account can register directly for the meeting after logging in.

- Participants who do not yet have an Indico account, need to first create a new account. An automated message confirming the account creation will be sent to the registrant by the system.
- Once the account is created, the participant must then register for the OEWG.
- Once the registration is received, it will be reviewed by the Secretariat (UNODA). When a registration is approved, an automated response is emailed to the registrant, including an e-ticket/QR code.

9. Intergovernmental organizations and other entities having received a standing invitation to participate as observers in the work of the General Assembly, and representatives of non-governmental organizations that are in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, in accordance with Council resolution 1996/31 of 25 July 1996, may participate, including by speaking and submitting documents, in the formal and informal meetings of the OEWG as observers. These organizations and entities should send an official letter to oewg-paros@un.org informing the Secretariat of their participation and listing the full names and titles of the members of the delegation.

10. Other interested non-governmental organizations (non-ECOSOC NGOs) relevant and competent to the scope and purpose of the OEWG should send an official letter to oewg-paros@un.org with their request for participation, information on the organization's purpose, programmes and activities in areas relevant to the scope of the OEWG (when applying for participation for the first time), and listing the full names and titles of the representatives who would attend. Pursuant to decision 79/512, the Chair of the OEWG will thereafter, submit the proposed list of organizations applying for participation for the first time to Member States for their consideration on a non-objection basis and bring the list to the attention of the working group for a final decision on participation; these organizations would accordingly be invited to participate as observers in the formal sessions of the working group, including by speaking and submitting documents, taking into account the principles of transparency and equitable geographical representation.

III. DOCUMENTATION

11. The OEWG is entitled to a limited number of official documents issued in all six languages of the United Nations.

12. States and relevant organizations wishing to submit official documents should do so electronically in MS Word at: oewg-paros@un.org. All participants are kindly requested to restrict the length of their working papers to 2,640 words, without adversely affecting either the quality of presentation or their content. Delegations are encouraged to submit their working papers by **5 June 2026** to allow for official issuance before the start of the session, although working papers may be submitted at any time until the conclusion of the OEWG. The Secretariat will circulate advance copies of submitted documents upon request. Working papers submitted by non-governmental organizations will not be translated and will be issued in the original language of submission only. Only documents submitted in MS Word format can be processed by the Secretariat.

IV. LIST OF SPEAKERS AND STATEMENTS

13. For formal meetings in which the Chair decides to open a list of speakers, States wishing to inscribe on a list of speakers in advance will be requested to do so through the e-Speakers module in e-deleGATE. Information relating to the opening of a list of speakers for each formal meeting will be provided by the Secretariat via email.

14. All participants are requested, whenever possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to speeches@un.org, with a copy to oewg-paros@un.org, so that they can be made available to the interpreters. The subject line of the email should clearly indicate the conference room number, date, session (AM/PM) and the name of the State/organization delivering the statement. The United Nations does not provide photocopying services.

V. ACCESS TO THE PALAIS DES NATIONS

15. Participants are advised to come to the Pregny Gate well in advance to allow enough time to obtain their badges and undergo security checks.

16. Upon receipt of confirmation of their registration, participants can collect their UNOG grounds passes valid for the duration of the OEWG session at the Pregny Gate of the Palais des Nations ([map](#)) by presenting the received QR code and a valid passport from a country recognized by the United Nations or an identity card of a Schengen State.

17. For security reasons, the identification badge must be worn and visible to UN Security staff at all times while visiting the Palais des Nations.

VI. PUBLIC TRANSPORT

18. Many hotels in Geneva provide guests with free public transport passes for the duration of their reservations.

19. The Palais des Nations is served by several tram and bus lines: Buses 8, 20, 22 and 60 serve Pregny Gate (“Appia” stop) where the Pass and Identification Unit is located. Tram 15, as well as buses 5, 8, 11, 20, 22 and 60 serve the “Nations” stop where the Nations Gate is located, around 500 meters away from the Pregny Gate. Bus 5 serves the airport from the “Nations” stop. Further information such as itineraries, timetables, fares, etc. can be found on the website of the Transports Publics Genevois (see: www.tpg.ch).

VII. PARKING

20. Delegates wishing to park on the premises should request authorization in advance through their Permanent Mission in Geneva. The UN Security and Safety Service (identification.security-unog@un.org) at Pregny Gate will issue the parking authorization at the same time as the delegate’s identification badge.

VIII. TRAVEL AND VISAS

21. The Secretariat cannot offer financial or logistical support to assist with travel to, accommodation during, or other costs related to attending the meetings of the OEWG. It is the responsibility of all delegates to make arrangements for visas, travel and related costs in compliance with host country measures for entry into Switzerland.

IX. FACILITIES FOR PARTICIPANTS

22. Free Wi-Fi is available in the meeting rooms and generally throughout the Palais des Nations.

23. A cafeteria and coffee shops (Bar Concordia, Salon des délégués) are available at Building A of Palais des Nations. SAFI (duty-free store) is located at Door 1, S-Building ([map](#)).

X. SECRETARIAT

24. The United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs is serving as the Secretariat for the OEWG. Further enquiries regarding attendance and participation in the OEWG should be addressed to oewg-paros@un.org.

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