

# A Proposal for Sponsorship and Engagement towards the 1967 Treaty on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space



The proposed Lifeboat Foundation activity for the 1967 treaty, to be held at the U.S. Institute of Peace in Washington DC, will highlight the foundation's purpose to safeguard humanity, and encourage scientific development and will serve as an influential focal point for US space policy making going forward.

This innovative proposal will provide a genuine contribution towards problem solving and the development of strategic insights, supporting:

1. US engagement for Inter-agency and International space programs and the Global Exploration agenda.
2. Global development through space based ICT.
3. LEO observational techniques for climate change and sustainability.
4. Communications interchange for global security and non-proliferation.
5. International agreements for further levels of space-based usage, and negotiated practice through the UN basis.
6. Space development rationales and topics, such as plans for Cis-lunar infrastructures, manned space settlement and colonization, asteroid impact mitigation, space based solar power and other advanced technologies.
7. Other yet unknown needs for the US and international space agenda that may arise from technological and social change in the coming months.

The proposal and request for support directly targets the forthcoming **UNISPACE+50 Conference in 2018**, and the preparatory events in 2017. The United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs will mark the 50-year celebration of the 1967 treaty with the UNISPACE+50 Conference, representing a comprehensive international review of the UNISPACE program since 1968, with focus on global space governance and the extension of the working basis.

## **Historical Background:**

On October 10<sup>th</sup> 1967 the US deposited the signed Treaty on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space with the UN.

October 10<sup>th</sup> 1967 is also the actual date that the treaty entered into effect for all signatories.

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UNISPACE+50 will take place in June 2018 as part of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space session.

In addition to marking the 50th anniversary since the first UNISPACE conference in 1968 it will set the scene for the future of space activities on a global scale.

UNISPACE I in 1968 led to the creation of UNOOSA program on space based applications, which has achieved a considerable success since its inception.

UNISPACE II was held in 1982 and addressed the prevention of an arms race in space, international collaboration and the continuing utilization of space for global development in general.

UNISPACE III took place in 1999 and focused for the preparation of a blueprint for the peaceful uses of space in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

## **Special Outreach Event:**

Our proposal includes a single event for Congressional members, dignitaries and invited participants, at the USIP site, with a preliminary date **October 10<sup>th</sup> 2017**, as a formal celebration of the 1967 anniversary. The event could also held the previous Saturday or Sunday in the afternoon.

The event would include a general overview and introduction from Lifeboat Foundation, together with several informative talks including from the astronaut communities.

Suggested topics may include UN presentation, and representations from the Department of State, associated agency proposals, and leading scientific insights.

We see this event as providing an immediate opportunity to bring forward a leading proposition regarding research and development of the US space policy attributes, and the furtherance of a specialized working group. As USIP is an affiliate of the US State Department and as program contents are reviewed by the related governmental bodies, we assume that any authorizations and partnerships achieved in this way will fully qualify such space development topics and policy initiatives within USIP's research and outreach activities and within the on-going considerations of the administration for an optimal US space policy profile.

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**Direct costs for the USIP event program** include the following estimate, as provided by USIP in April, 2016:

Weekend afternoon event rental of USIP's Carlucci Auditorium with capacity for 230 people (4-5 hours)	<b>\$3,500</b>
Extra direct cost for security, cleaning, audio-visual equipment and other support depending on no of attendees and duration.	<b>\$2,000</b>
Insurance with a policy that fits USIP requirements:	<b>\$400</b>
<b>Total direct USIP cost:</b>	<b>\$5,900</b>

With the finalization of sponsorship and funding we will establish the initial contract with USIP, obtaining a six-month minimum window to our event planning team in coordinating various interests and contributions to the effort. In this way we will create a favorable setting for significant orientations within discussion of the extensive policy making topics. The intervening phase will provide a framework for the additional review and assessment of upcoming US legislative and policy initiatives, to identify potential opportunities and deficits in current rationales, and to promote US Congressional education on the leading space development issues. Thereby helping to demonstrate the significance of the forthcoming 2018 UN program and the need for US to participate directly in promoting and supporting innovative space development outlooks within the UN forums.

## **Conclusion:**

We hope that the proposal and request for financial support for this program will meet expectations and receive your approval. Of course, we do not view the USIP event as providing a single or isolated contribution to the Foundation's efforts: this activity will permit us to formally initiate a motivating and durable relationship with USIP and many other groups and agencies in DC and elsewhere. Thus, Lifeboat Foundation's engagement will, in many ways, help support the demonstration of innovative space policy and outreach, developing Congressional awareness and the appreciation of the significance of space development for the future of humanity.

Thank you, in advance, for your kind consideration and your support for our efforts  
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