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2015	TBD [58 th]	TBD [58 th]	TBD [58 th]	TBD [52 nd]	TBD [54 th]
2014	TBD [57 th]	TBD [57 th]	TBD [57 th]	TBD [51 st]	TBD [53 rd]
2013	TBD [56 th]	TBD [56 th]	TBD [56 th]	TBD [50 th]	TBD [52 nd]
2012	TBD [55 th]	TBD [55 th]	TBD [55 th]	TBD [49 th]	TBD [51 st]
2011	Dumitru Dorin Prunariu (Romania) Eastern Europe [54 th]	Nomfeneko Majaja (South Africa) Africa [54 th]	Raimundo González Aninat (Chile) Latin America [54 th]	Ulrich Huth (Germany) Western Europe & Canada [48 th]	Ahmad Talebzadeh (Islamic Republic of Iran) Asia & Pacific [50 th]
2010	Dumitru Dorin Prunariu (Romania) Eastern Europe [53 rd]	Nomfeneko Majaja (South Africa) Africa [53 rd]	Raimundo González Aninat (Chile) Latin America [53 rd]	Ulrich Huth (Germany) Western Europe & Canada [47 th]	Ahmad Talebzadeh (Islamic Republic of Iran) Asia & Pacific [49 th]
2009	Ciro Arévalo Yepes (Colombia) Latin America [52 nd]	Suvit Vibulsresth (Thailand) Asia & Pacific [52 nd]	Filipe Duarte Santos (Portugal) Western Europe & Canada [52 nd]	Aboubekr Seddik Kedjar (Algeria) Africa [46 th]	Vladimír Kopal (Czech Republic) Eastern Europe [48 th]
2008	Ciro Arévalo Yepes (Colombia) Latin America [51 st]	Suvit Vibulsresth (Thailand) Asia & Pacific [51 st]	Filipe Duarte Santos (Portugal) Western Europe & Canada [51 st]	Aboubekr Seddik Kedjar (Algeria) Africa [45 th]	Vladimír Kopal (Czech Republic) Eastern Europe [47 th]
2007	Gerard Brchet (France) Western Europe & Canada [50 th]	Elod Both (Hungary) Eastern Europe [50 th]	Paul R. Tiendrebeogo (Burkina Faso) Africa [50 th]	Mazlan Othman (Malaysia) Asia & Pacific [44 th]	Raimundo González Aninat (Chile) Latin America [46 th]

2006	Gerard Brachet (France) Western Europe & Canada [49 th]	Elod Both (Hungary) Eastern Europe [49 th]	Paul R. Tiendrebeogo (Burkina Faso) Africa [49 th]	B. N. Suresh (India) Asia & Pacific [43 rd]	Raimundo González Aninat (Chile) Latin America [45 th]
2005	Adigun Ade Abiodun (Nigeria) Africa [48 th]	Ciro Arévalo Yepes (Colombia) Latin America [48 th]	Parviz Tarikhi (Iran) Asia & Pacific [48 th]	Dumitru Dorin Prunariu (Romania) Eastern Europe [42 nd]	Sergio Marchisio (Italy) Western Europe & Canada [44 th]
2004	Adigun Ade Abiodun (Nigeria) Africa [47 th]	Ciro Arévalo Yepes (Colombia) Latin America [47 th]	Parviz Tarikhi (Iran) Asia & Pacific [47 th]	Dumitru Dorin Prunariu (Romania) Eastern Europe [41 st]	Sergio Marchisio (Italy) Western Europe & Canada [43 rd]
2003	Raimundo González Aninat (Chile) [46 th]	Driss El Hadani (Morocco) [46 th]	Susetyo Mulyodrono (Indonesia) [46 th]	Karl Doetsch (Canada) [40 th]	Vladimír Kopal (Czech Republic) [42 nd]
2002	Raimundo González Aninat (Chile) [45 th]	Driss El Hadani (Morocco) [45 th]	Harijono Djojodihardjo (Indonesia) [45 th]	Karl Doetsch (Canada) [39 th]	Vladimír Kopal (Czech Republic) [41 st]
2001	Raimundo González Aninat (Chile) [44 th]	Driss El Hadani (Morocco) [44 th]	Harijono Djojodihardjo (Indonesia) [44 th]	Karl Doetsch (Canada) [38 th]	Vladimír Kopal (Czech Republic) [40 th]
2000	Raimundo González Aninat (Chile) [43 rd]	Driss El Hadani (Morocco) [43 rd]	Harijono Djojodihardjo (Indonesia) [43 rd]	Dietrich Rex (Germany) [37 th]	Vladimír Kopal (Czech Republic) [39 th]
1999	U. R. Rao (India) [42 nd]	Raimundo González Aninat (Chile) [42 nd]	Mohamed Ait Belaiid (Morocco) [42 nd]	Dietrich Rex (Germany) [36 th]	Vladimír Kopal (Czech Republic) [38 th]
1998	U. R. Rao (India) [41 st]	Raimundo González Aninat (Chile) [41 st]	not indicated [41 st]	Dietrich Rex (Germany) [35 th]	Václav Mikulka (Czech Republic) [37 th]
1997	U. R. Rao (India) [40 th]	Raimundo González Aninat (Chile) [40 th]	Mousslim Kabbaj (Morocco) [40 th]	Dietrich Rex (Germany) [34 th]	Václav Mikulka (Czech Republic) [36 th]
1996	Peter Hohenfellner (Austria) [39 th]	Dumitru Mazilu (Romania) [39 th]	Edgard Telles Ribeiro (Brazil) [39 th]	Dietrich Rex (Germany) [33 rd]	Václav Mikulka (Czech Republic) [35 th]
1995	Peter Hohenfellner (Austria) [38 th]	Dumitru Mazilu (Romania) [38 th]	Edgard Telles Ribeiro (Brazil) [38 th]	John H. Carver (Australia) [32 nd]	Václav Mikulka (Czech Republic) [34 th]
1994	Peter Hohenfellner (Austria) [37 th]	Petru Forna (Romania) [37 th]	Edgard Telles Ribeiro (Brazil) [37 th]	John H. Carver (Australia) [31 st]	Václav Mikulka (Czech Republic) [33 rd]
1993	Peter Hohenfellner (Austria)	Aurel Dragos Munteanu (Romania)	Edgard Telles Ribeiro (Brazil)	John H. Carver (Australia)	Václav Mikulka (Czech Republic)

	[36 th]	[36 th]	[36 th]	[30 th]	[32 nd]
1992	Peter Hohenfellner (Austria) [35 th]	Aurel Dragos Munteanu (Romania) [35 th]	E.S. Fujita (Brazil) [35 th]	John H. Carver (Australia) [29 th]	Václav Mikulka (Czechoslovakia) [31 st]
1991	Peter Hohenfellner (Austria) [34 th]	Aurel Dragos Munteanu (Romania) [34 th]	Flavio Miragaia Perri (Brazil) [34 th]	John H. Carver (Australia) [28 th]	Václav Mikulka (Czechoslovakia) [30 th]
1990	Peter Jankowitsch (Austria) [33 rd]	Aurel Dragos Munteanu (Romania) [33 rd]	Flavio Miragaia Perri (Brazil) [33 rd]	John H. Carver (Australia) [27 th]	Václav Mikulka (Czechoslovakia) [29 th]
1989	Peter Jankowitsch (Austria) [32 nd]	Petre Tanasie (Romania) [32 nd]	Flavio Miragaia Perri (Brazil) [32 nd]	John H. Carver (Australia) [26 th]	Stanislav Suja (Czechoslovakia) [28 th]
1988	Peter Jankowitsch (Austria) [31 st]	Petre Tanasie (Romania) [31 st]	Flavio Miragaia Perri (Brazil) [31 st]	John H. Carver (Australia) [25 th]	Ludek Handl (Czechoslovakia) [27 th]
1987	Peter Jankowitsch (Austria) [30 th]	not indicated [30 th]	Hrnrique Rodrigues Valle (Brazil) [30 th]	John H. Carver (Australia) [24 th]	Ludek Handl (Czechoslovakia) [26 th]
1986	Peter Jankowitsch (Austria) [29 th]	Teodor Marinescu (Romania) [29 th]	Hrnrique Rodrigues Valle (Brazil) [29 th]	John H. Carver (Australia) [23 rd]	Ludek Handl (Czechoslovakia) [25 th]
1985	Peter Jankowitsch (Austria) [28 th]	Teodor Marinescu (Romania) [28 th]	Hrnrique Rodrigues Valle (Brazil) [28 th]	John H. Carver (Australia) [22 nd]	Ludek Handl (Czechoslovakia) [24 th]
1984	Peter Jankowitsch (Austria) [27 th]	Teodor Marinescu (Romania) [27 th]	Hrnrique Rodrigues Valle (Brazil) [27 th]	John H. Carver (Australia) [21 st]	Ludek Handl (Czechoslovakia) [23 rd]
1983	Peter Jankowitsch (Austria) [26 th]	Teodor Marinescu (Romania) [26 th]	Hrnrique Rodrigues Valle (Brazil) [26 th]	John H. Carver (Australia) [20 th]	Ludek Handl (Czechoslovakia) [22 nd]
1982	Peter Jankowitsch (Austria) [25 th]	Teodor Marinescu (Romania) [25 th]	C.A.B. Bueno (Brazil) [25 th]	John H. Carver (Australia) [19 th]	Eugeniusz Wyzner (Poland) [21 st]
1981	Peter Jankowitsch (Austria) [24 th]	Teodor Marinescu (Romania) [24 th]	C.A.B. Bueno (Brazil) [24 th]	John H. Carver (Australia) [18 th]	Eugeniusz Wyzner (Poland) [20 th]
1980	Peter Jankowitsch (Austria) [23 rd]	Teodor Marinescu (Romania) [23 rd]	C.A.B. Bueno (Brazil) [23 rd]	John H. Carver (Australia) [17 th]	Eugeniusz Wyzner (Poland) [19 th]
1979	Peter Jankowitsch (Austria) [22 nd]	Teodor Marinescu (Romania) [22 nd]	C.M. Garcia (Brazil) [22 nd]	John H. Carver (Australia) [16 th]	Eugeniusz Wyzner (Poland) [18 th]
1978	Peter Jankowitsch	Ion Datcu	C.M. Garcia	John H. Carver	Eugeniusz Wyzner

	(Austria) [21 st]	(Romania) [21 st]	(Brazil) [21 st]	(Australia) [15 th]	(Poland) [17 th]
1977	Peter Jankowitsch (Austria) [20 th]	not indicated [20 th]	L.P.L. Sette (Brazil) [20 th]	John H. Carver (Australia) [14 th]	Eugeniusz Wyzner (Poland) [16 th]
1976	Peter Jankowitsch (Austria) [19 th]	Ion Datcu (Romania) [19 th]	L.P.L. Sette (Brazil) [19 th]	John H. Carver (Australia) [13 th]	Eugeniusz Wyzner (Poland) [15 th]
1975	Peter Jankowitsch (Austria) [18 th]	Ion Datcu (Romania) [18 th]	L.P.L. Sette (Brazil) [18 th]	John H. Carver (Australia) [12 th]	Eugeniusz Wyzner (Poland) [14 th]
1974	Peter Jankowitsch (Austria) [17 th]	Ion Datcu (Romania) [17 th]	L.F. de Seixas-Correa (Brazil) [17 th]	John H. Carver (Australia) [11 th]	Eugeniusz Wyzner (Poland) [13 th]
1973	Peter Jankowitsch (Austria) [16 th]	Ion Datcu (Romania) [16 th]	C.A. de Souza e Silva (Brazil) [16 th]	John H. Carver (Australia) [10 th]	Eugeniusz Wyzner (Poland) [12 th]
1972	Peter Jankowitsch (Austria) [15 th]	Ion Datcu (Romania) [15 th]	C.A. de Souza e Silva (Brazil) [15 th]	John H. Carver (Australia) [9 th]	Eugeniusz Wyzner (Poland) [11 th]
1971	Kurt Waldheim (Austria) [14 th]	G. Diaconescu (Romania) [14 th]	C.A. de Souza e Silva (Brazil) [14 th]	John H. Carver (Australia) [8 th]	Eugeniusz Wyzner (Poland) [10 th]
1970	Heinrich Haymerle (Austria) [13 th]	G. Diaconescu (Romania) [13 th]	C.A. de Souza e Silva (Brazil) [13 th]	John H. Carver (Australia) [7 th]	Eugeniusz Wyzner (Poland) [9 th]
1969	Heinrich Haymerle (Austria) [12 th]	G. Diaconescu (Romania) [12 th]	C.A. de Souza e Silva (Brazil) [12 th]	R. S. Rettie (Canada) [6 th]	Eugeniusz Wyzner (Poland) [8 th]
1968	Kurt Waldheim (Austria) [11 th]	G. Diaconescu (Romania) [11 th]	G. de Carvalho Silos (Brazil) [11 th]		Eugeniusz Wyzner (Poland) [7 th]
1967	Kurt Waldheim (Austria) [Special]	G. Diaconescu (Romania) [Special]	G. de Carvalho Silos (Brazil) [Special]	David Forbes Martyn (Australia) [5 th]	Eugeniusz Wyzner (Poland) [Special]
	Kurt Waldheim (Austria) [10 th]	G. Diaconescu (Romania) [10 th]	G. de Carvalho Silos (Brazil) [10 th]		Eugeniusz Wyzner (Poland)
	Kurt Waldheim (Austria) [9 th]	G. Diaconescu (Romania) [9 th]	G. de Carvalho Silos (Brazil) [9 th]		Eugeniusz Wyzner (Poland) [6 th]

1966	Kurt Waldheim (Austria) [8 th]	G. Diaconescu (Romania) [8 th]	G. de Carvalho Silos (Brazil) [8 th]	David Forbes Martyn (Australia) [4 th]	Manfred Lachs (Poland) [5 th -II]
					Manfred Lachs (Poland) [5 th -I]
1965	Kurt Waldheim (Austria) [7 th]	Mihail Haseganu (Romania) [7 th]	G. de Carvalho Silos (Brazil) [7 th]		Manfred Lachs (Poland) [4 th]
1964	Franz Matsch (Austria) [6 th]	Mihail Haseganu (Romania) [6 th]	G. de Carvalho Silos (Brazil) [6 th]	David Forbes Martyn (Australia) [3 rd]	Manfred Lachs (Poland) [3 rd -II]
					Manfred Lachs (Poland) [3 rd -I]
1963	Franz Matsch (Austria) [5 th]	Mihail Haseganu (Romania) [5 th]	G. de Carvalho Silos (Brazil) [5 th]	<i>Failed to track through the records. Will be completed after further investigations.</i>	Manfred Lachs (Poland) [2 nd]
	Franz Matsch (Austria) [4 th]	M. Haseganu (Romania) [4 th]	G. de Carvalho Silos (Brazil) [4 th]		
	Franz Matsch (Austria) [3 rd]	Mihail Haseganu (Romania) [3 rd]	G. de Carvalho Silos (Brazil) [3 rd]		
1962	Franz Matsch (Austria) [2 nd]	Mihail Haseganu (Romania) [2 nd]	G. de Carvalho Silos (Brazil) [2 nd]	<i>Failed to track through the records. Will be completed after further investigations.</i>	<i>Failed to track through the records. Will be completed after further investigations.</i>
	Franz Matsch (Austria) [1 st]	Mihail Haseganu (Romania) [1 st]	G. de Carvalho Silos (Brazil) [1 st]		
1961					
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1959	Koto Matsudira (Japan) [Ad Hoc]	Mario Amadeo (Argentina) [Ad Hoc]	Joseph Nisot (Belgium) [Ad Hoc]		
1961	Chad, Mongolia, Morocco and Sierra Leone were added to the previous members and the number of the members reached to 28 (GA resolution 1721 E (XVI)).				
1960					
1959	Albania, Austria, Bulgaria, Hungary, Lebanon and Romania joined the founding countries and the number of the members rises to 24 (GA resolution 1472 (XIV)).				

1958	According to the GA resolution 1348 (XIII) , 18 countries establish the Committee of Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (COPUOS). The founding members are as follows: Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Czechoslovakia (<i>now Czech Republic</i>), France, India, Iran, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Poland, Sweden, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (<i>now Russian Federation</i>), the United Arab Republic (<i>now Egypt</i>), the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland & the United States of America.
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Some points:

- In 1962 the first session of the Committee was held in New York and since that time the Committee has met annually.
- Austria had the chairmanship of the COPUOS for 35 years (1962-1996).
- Romania had the position of the First Vice Chairman of COPUOS for 35 years (1962-1996).
- Brazil had the position of the Second Vice Chairman and Rapporteur of COPUOS for 35 years (1962-1996).
- Poland had the position of the Chairman of the Legal Sub Committee of COPUOS for 21 years (1962-1982). Czech Republic (and former Czechoslovakia) took this position afterwards for 21 years (1983-2003).
- Australia had the position of the Chairman of the Scientific and Technical Sub Committee of COPUOS for more that 28 years.
- Ambassador Peter Jankowitsch from Austria chaired the Committee for 19 years (1972 to 1990).
- Dr. Kurt Waldheim from Austria, the Secretary General of the United Nations chaired the Committee for 5 years from 1965 to 1968 and from 1970 to 1972.
- Mr. John H. Carver from Australia chaired the Scientific and Technical Sub Committee for 25 Years (1971 to 1995).
- At present the number of the country members of COPUOS is 69.

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