



SECURE WORLD FOUNDATION

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Mister Chair, distinguished delegates, and welcome observers, on behalf of the Secure World Foundation, I appreciate this opportunity to present an update on the Foundation's work since May 2022 under this agenda item. The Secure World Foundation is a Non-governmental Organization granted permanent observer status at this Committee in 2008, and special consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council in 2010.

The Secure World Foundation focuses its activities on three primary themes: ensuring the long-term sustainability of outer space activities; fostering the development of sound space policy and law; and enhancing the use of space technology and international cooperation to support human and environmental security on Earth.

We continue to distribute copies of our *Handbook for New Actors in Space*, a book covering fundamental aspects of international space law, national space policy and regulation, and responsible operational practices for new space actors. So far, we have published Chinese, English, French, and Spanish language versions of the *Handbook*. Electronic versions in these languages are available on our website at swfound.org/handbook, and are free to download. This year we will begin revisions for an updated version of our *Handbook*.

We are pleased to announce that the fifth *Summit for Space Sustainability* will be held as an in-person event June 13 and 14, 2023, in New York City. This follows the fourth *Summit for Space Sustainability* in June 2022 in London, co-hosted with the UK Space Agency. With over 400 participants in person and another 200 virtual participants, last year's conference was full of government and industry announcements and substantive discussions on orbital debris, space governance, industry-led initiatives, among many other topics impacting space sustainability.

We cordially invite all delegations to attend this year's *Summit for Space Sustainability*, and to alert their permanent missions in New York City as well. This year, we look forward to welcoming speakers and panelists from Argentina, Canada, Japan, Luxembourg, Mexico, Nigeria, Portugal,

Singapore, the UAE, the UK, and elsewhere. This year's event will also feature a keynote speech by Mr. Guy Ryder, Under-Secretary-General for Policy at the United Nations, who will provide analysis and recommendations for action on issues raised in the "Our Common Agenda" report and the recently released Policy Brief 7, "For all Humanity: The Future of Outer Space Governance." More information is available at the website swfsummit.org.

Secure World Foundation is proud to be a funding stakeholder, along with the Governments of Belgium, Chile, and Luxembourg, of UNOOSA's *Space Law for New Space Actors Legal Advisory Project*. The *Legal Advisory Project* offers UN Member States tailored capacity-building to facilitate their drafting of national space legislation and/or national space policies in line with international space law, and promoting the long-term sustainability of space activities. Such capacity-building will support new and emerging space-faring nations to conduct space activities in a responsible and sustainable manner. We look forward to future advisory service activities in 2023 in furtherance of this project.

Distinguished delegates, we are proud to announce the release of our latest publication, the *COPUOS Briefing Book*. The *COPUOS Briefing Book* is a short, pragmatic source of information on COPUOS intended for all delegates and those who interact with this forum. The *COPUOS Briefing Book* brings together useful information on the history, structure, working methods, and other details of COPUOS, its two subcommittees, and further information on the Working Groups that have assisted the work of this Committee. A separate statement with more information will be made under Agenda Item 13. *Future role and method of work of the Committee*, and we shall have free copies of the *COPUOS Briefing Book* available for all delegations, beginning at a lunchtime side event on Wednesday, June 7, outside Boardroom D, from 1 to 3pm. A dedicated webpage will also be available to ensure free and widespread access to the *COPUOS Briefing Book*, at <http://www.swfound.org>

Mister Chair, distinguished delegates and observers, the Secure World Foundation looks forward to continuing to support the Committee's efforts to achieve and sustain the continued peaceful uses of outer space.

Thank you for your kind attention.



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