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of the United Nations Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space**

**Agenda Item 5
Information on the activities of international intergovernmental
and non-governmental organisations relating to space law**

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Thank you Honourable Chair.

The Space Generation Advisory Council, SGAC, deeply appreciates the opportunity to report on our recent activities in the areas of space law, policy and advocacy.

Before doing so, we are pleased to congratulate you on your election as Chair of the Legal Subcommittee, and would like to assure you of our full support. We also express our gratitude to Ms. Nomfuneko Majaja for her able guidance throughout the previous sessions. Further, we would like to congratulate Ms. Aarti Holla-Maini on her first LSC as Director of the Office for Outer Space Affairs, and express our high appreciation for the excellent work that she and the Secretariat have done in preparation for this session.

Through our Space Generation Advocacy and Policy Platform (SGAPP), every year SGAC develops and advocates united space policy positions on behalf of the space youth. We also release comprehensive overviews of the policy and advocacy activities conducted by our members. To further boost our advocacy efforts, we are pleased to announce the restructuring of our former US Task Force as the newly established North, Central America, and the Caribbean (NCAC) Taskforce. By expanding its geographical coverage, this Taskforce will foster more inclusive and meaningful engagement. Over the coming years, we aim to do the same for all regions of the world.

Distinguished delegates, the sustainability of space activities is a key priority for the young generations. After one year of hard work, in February 2024 we published a report proposing an “Intergenerational Pact for Space Sustainability”, or IPASS. Our proposed Pact outlines action-oriented recommendations to ensure the peaceful and sustainable uses of space for the benefit of all. The IPASS Report is available on our website and we are now working on its implementation in cooperation with UNOOSA and interested Member States. If you wish to know more about our recommendations, we warmly invite you to read our CRP and attend our technical presentation under Agenda Item 12 on Space Traffic Management on April 23rd. Building upon these continuing efforts, at the end of 2024 we will issue our next united policy position on the Responsible Uses of Outer Space, and look forward to reporting our recommendations to the attention of this honourable Committee in 2025.

Distinguished Delegates, in preparation for the upcoming UN Summit of the Future, at SGAC we are conducting a global, action-oriented, intergenerational dialogue on space sustainability. We began this dialogue at the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee



through a side event on “Space, Youth, and Future Generations” co-organised together with the Government of Austria and UNOOSA. We continued the conversation first at the Policy Symposium organised by the Portuguese Space Agency and UNOOSA in March 2024, and now at this session of the LSC, where we participated in a side event on Outer Space in The Zero Draft of the Pact of the Future organised by the Permanent Mission of Germany and UNOOSA. In parallel to these engagements, over the past months we actively participated in the Civil Society Consultations organised by the Co-Facilitators Germany and Namibia, and submitted written inputs on both the Pact of the Future and Declaration on Future Generations. Looking ahead, we look forward to contributing to the Conference on the Management and Sustainability of Outer Space co-organised by the Government of Portugal and UNOOSA.

Distinguished Delegates, in the area of sustainable and cooperative space activities we warmly welcome the decision of Member States of the Committee to discuss the important topic of information sharing under Article XI of the Outer Space Treaty in the Working Group on the Status and Application of the Five United Nations Treaties. We remain available to support these discussions as deemed appropriate and useful, building upon our globally known Report on Effective and Adaptive Governance for a Lunar Ecosystem (EAGLE).

Last but not least, we are pleased to recognise the active contributions of our Space Law and Policy Project Group to capacity building in space law. Together with the European Centre of Space Law, this year we organised, at the Headquarters of the European Space Agency in Paris, a Model United Nations simulating the work of COPUOS. In preparation for this event, the SLP project group organised several webinars featuring expert contributions on key topics such as Space Traffic Management and the Long-term Sustainability Guidelines.

In conclusion, we are grateful for the opportunity to update this Honourable Subcommittee on our activities related to space law, and stand ready to cooperate with all interested Member States and Permanent Observers on the peaceful, safe and sustainable uses of space for the benefit of all humankind, present and future.

Thank you very much for your kind attention.