



PERMANENT MISSION OF GREECE  
TO THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS  
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## **63<sup>rd</sup> SESSION OF THE LEGAL SUBCOMMITTEE OF COPUOS**

**Item 6: Status and application of the five United Nations treaties on outer space, and ways and means, including capacity-building, to promote their implementation.**

### **STATEMENT BY GREECE**

Mr Chairman,

Greece, being a contracting party to the UN treaties on outer space, which constitute the fundamental institutional framework for the conduct of space activities, promotes in every possible way their prompt implementation.

Focusing, in particular, on capacity building, Greece strongly believes that capacity building in space law is a fundamental tool that should be enhanced through international cooperation.

To build the national capacity necessary to ensure that the increasing number of participants in space activities comply with international space law, international cooperation in research, training and education in space law is more than essential.

With respect to educational opportunities in space law, the School of Law of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens offers courses in space law or related to space law. In particular, International Law of Airspace and International Space Law, as well as International Telecommunications Law are offered as optional courses at graduate level, whereas a course on International Air, Space and

Telecommunications Law is offered at postgraduate level. Students are also able to undertake a doctoral degree, in the context of the Department of International Studies.

Further, The School of Law of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens participates every year to the International Institute of Space Law Manfred Lachs Space Law Moot Court Competition.

Last week, here in Vienna, the Athens team, in this year's European finals of the Manfred Lachs Moot, became the European Champion, while also being awarded two other prizes: Award for the best memorials and for the best oralist. The Athens team will now represent Europe in the world final four, to be held in Milan, next October.

It is also worth mentioning that, every year, Greek students actively participate in the Summer Courses organized by the European Center of Space Law (ECSL), while young scholars are frequently speakers at the IISL Symposium held annually in the context of the International Astronautical Congress (IAC).

**I thank you**