



**Statement of APSCO Delegation at the
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the United Nations Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space
Vienna, 31 May–11 June 2021**

**Agenda Item 4. Information on the activities of international
intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations relating to space
law.**

Wednesday, 2 June Afternoon (3–5 p.m. Vienna time)

Thursday, 3 June, Morning (11 a.m.–1 p.m. Vienna time)

Madame Chair, Distinguished Delegates,

It is my privilege to make this statement on behalf of the Asia-Pacific Space Cooperation Organization (APSCO), regarding the Agenda Item 4. Information on the activities of international intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations relating to space law, at the Sixtieth session of the Legal Subcommittee of the United Nations Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space.

Madame Chair,

My delegation extends full trust and confidence in your leadership in steering this Session to a successful conclusion with positive support of the Secretariat. We appreciate the efforts of the OOSA Director, Ms. Simonetta Di

Pippo and the Secretary of the Subcommittee, Mr. Niklas Hedman and the all the staff for successfully organizing this session.

Madame Chair, Distinguished Delegates,

APSCO completed a decade of successful cooperation in 2018. APSCO has entered in a new decade of its activities and a New Development Plan for APSCO Activities (2021-2030) has been approved by APSCO Council in 2020. In this regard, a comprehensive vision for Space Law and Policy for the new decade has been developed, referred as the “Strategy for Space Law and Policy of APSCO (2021-2030)”. This strategy focuses on enhancing the role of APSCO in the field of space law and policy to provide more practical benefits to Member States and strengthening the contribution of APSCO in the international community in the fields of space law and policy.

The strategic plan on Space Law and Policy of APSCO focuses on the following key important areas:

1. Capacity Building in Space Law and Policy for Member States
2. Assistance in developing National Space Law and Policy for Member States
3. International Cooperation in Space Law and Policy
4. Developing Regional and International Alliance of space law institutions

Madame Chair, Distinguished Delegates,

APSCO considers capacity building as the most crucial pillar for responsible behavior and promotion of international space law. APSCO has been making efforts to help its Member States and region by providing them opportunities related to capacity building in space law, that varies from degree education to training and consultation.

Details of the capacity building initiatives shall be provided in a separate statement under the Capacity Building, Agenda Item 8.

Madame Chair, Distinguished Delegates,

APSCO been working to create awareness for the Long-term Sustainability of Outer Space and support responsible behavior in outer space. APSCO gives special attention to creating awareness and capacity of its Member States in this area. According to the APSCO Vision 2030:

APSCO shall significantly enhance capability of its Member States in particular, and in the Asia-Pacific region in general, in peaceful uses of outer space, and leading the regional cooperation, work with and contribute to the collective efforts of international space community toward space governance and long-term sustainability of the outer space activities.

Also, among six strategic objectives of APSCO, one is completely focused on Long-term sustainability of outer space, which states that:

“APSCO shall encourage the Member States to practice towards the space governance and long-term sustainability of outer space activities that are complying with the guidelines of the United Nation’s Committee on Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (UN-COPUOS).”

Madame Chair, Distinguished Delegates

APSCO promotes International Cooperation in Space Law and Policy and has been actively cooperating with international space community for various activities.

In the year 2020, APSCO and UNOOSA have agreed to sign an agreement to have APSCO/UNOOSA joint cooperation on capacity building in national space legislation for APSCO Member States.

APSCO is also actively cooperating with European Space Agency for Cooperation with the in-space law and policy. APSCO and ESA both agreed to engage in mutual cooperation in the field of space law and policy under the protocol signed by both agencies. In the year 2021, an international workshop/conference on space law and policy will be jointly organized by APSCO and ESA.

APSCO, delivered a lecture on the topic “Capacity-building in space law: role of intergovernmental organizations”, which was held on 17 June 2020 and organized by the Regional Centre for Space Science and Technology Education for Western Asia (Jordan) and the Regional Centre for Space Science and Technology Education in Asia and the Pacific (China).

APSCO participated and discussed the regulatory and policy dimensions of Long-term Sustainability of Outer Space during UNOOSA’s event on Promoting Space Sustainability: Awareness raising, and capacity building related to the implementation of the LTS Guidelines Agenda, in March 2020. Furthermore, APSCO contributed to the recent UNOOSA-UNODA webinar on Responsible Behavior in Outer Space, held in May 2021, and discussed the role and initiatives of APSCO in promoting space sustainability and developing capabilities of its Member States in the area.

Madame Chair, Distinguished Delegates,

I am also glad to share that APSCO has become a member of the International Institute of Space Law (IISL) this year. we consider this membership will be beneficial to both the organizations and will bring opportunities for broader international cooperation in the field of space law.

Madame Chair, Distinguished Delegates,

APSCO and its Members are strongly committed and strongly support international space cooperation especially through UNOOSA mechanism, and we welcome all nations to cooperate with us for exploring and exploiting peaceful uses of outer space to bring and share benefits to enhancing prosperity together.

APSCO is open to all countries and the space community to cooperate for peaceful uses of outer space.

I thank you for your attention.