Statement of the Ukrainian delegation at the 60th session of the Legal Subcommittee of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space Item 12. General exchange of views on the legal aspects of space traffic management.

Madame Chair,

Nowadays, the States planning to obtain independent access to outer space services through launching satellites under their jurisdiction is strictly dependent on their goodwill concerning responsible behavior based on their appropriate internal legal framework. According to this, the Ukrainian delegation does hope that elaboration of the resolution of the responsible behavior will be a good step in this direction.

Ukraine as a State that plans to deploy its remote sensing satellite constellation since December 2021 is deeply concerned about the safety of space traffic management and made such steps to ensure this. Firstly, according to the Statute of the National Space Facilities Control and Test Centre of the State Space Agency of Ukraine, the System of the Control and Analysis of the Space Situation operates. Secondly, Ukraine is the State Party of the Hague Code of Conduct against Ballistic Missile Proliferation (HCoC), so is familiar with the rule of pre-launch notification. The national registration of space object procedures, taking into account challenges connected with launching constellations, transmission ownership of space objects and control over them, etc., is under development. Third, execution of requirements to prepare the space flight plan, and the description of incidents and emergencies are the condition to gain space activity permission. The manufacturing of the launch vehicles utilizes within Antares and Vega programs executes according to requirements of space debris mitigation.

Madame Chair,

The space traffic management contains such elements as an identification of space object, identification of the point of their control, clear and fast exchange the information, technical capabilities to the maneuvering, and coherence of their execution. All of them have roots in other legal issues as the execution of the registration requirements, clearance of the term "launching State", space debris mitigation, and straightening the transparency and the capacity-building measures. The movement towards such particular issues will have a positive impact on solving this complex task.

Thank you for your attention!