

**Statement of the Ukrainian delegation
at the 60th session of the Legal Subcommittee of the Committee on the Peaceful
Uses of Outer Space**

Item 14. General exchange of views on potential legal models for activities in exploration, exploitation and utilization of space resources (Anna Hurova)

Dear Mr. Chair,

Ukraine is involved in the global activity concerning exploration, exploitation and utilization of space resources. Ukraine signed the Artemis Accord in November 2020 and plans for this aim to ensure the development of the latest devices, technologies and tools, according to the National Target Scientific and Technical Space Program for 2021-2025 years.

Dear Mr. Chair,

Ukrainian delegation is worried about different level of transparency under the auspices of the different intergovernmental cooperation for activities in exploration, exploitation and utilization of space resources, risks concerning pollution of celestial bodies and potential large amount of the extraction of the exhaustible resources beneath celestial bodies. The lack of clear and common governance of this peculiar type of the space activity may leads to serious threat to sustainable activity both within outer space and on the Earth. There are the different arrangements on the intergovernmental level, principles and legal practices elaborated on the international non-governmental level, i.e. Hague Building Blocks for the Development of an International Framework on Space Resource Activities, Moon Village Principles, Vancouver Recommendations on Space Mining, Declaration of the Rights of the Moon, etc.). Legal Subcommittee may use them as a base to the elaboration the common international legal practices. In our opinion, they should address at least such issues:

1. Mechanisms of transparency and confidence aimed to avoiding of conflicts concerning the areas of exploration, exploitation and utilization activity;
2. Norms of sustainable utilization of the exhaustible resources, avoidance of contamination and causing irreversible changes of the environment of celestial bodies;
3. Recommendation to national legislations governing of exploration, exploitation and utilization of space resources activities of non-governmental entities under their jurisdiction.

Dear Mr. Chair,

Ukrainian delegation believes that future legal model for activities in exploration, exploitation, and utilization of space resources should be based on the international law, reflect the concept of adaptive governance, and match with the aim of enhancing the long-term sustainability of space activity, taking the particular consideration requirements of avoidance of the harmful contamination and advisable change the environment.