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**Joint Statement of the delegations of BRICS States at the
58th session of the UN Committee on the Peaceful Uses of
Outer Space on issues pertaining to the elaboration of the
guidelines on long-term sustainability of outer space
activities**

Statement made on 15 June 2015

Delegations of Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa, collectively representing the BRICS countries, would like to share with the session of COPUOS their common perceptions of analytical and decision-making tasks that seem to be immediate considering current pressing issues on the agenda.

Our delegations are of the view that the consideration by the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee of the topic of the long-term sustainability of outer space activities provides unique opportunities to work out and advance collaborative approaches to highlighting and addressing different aspects of using outer space for the common good and ensuring safety of space operations. Furthermore, there is an understanding that the STSC should be in a position to satisfactorily achieve the assigned task of elaborating the set of appropriate guidelines that would prove to be instrumental in furthering the interests of States and the international community in general in preserving, in the long-term, outer space as an operationally safe, stable and conflict-free environment.

Our delegations anticipate that the guidelines would turn to be such so as to appropriately institutionalize relevant requirements and provide sustained outreach to the enhancement of transparency and confidence-building in outer space activities.

By way of achieving this goal it would be appropriate for all COPUOS Member States to:

- Uphold constructive and cooperative motives to achieve positive joint results;

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- Endeavor to ensure that integration of the draft set of guidelines will continue apace, as agreed by consensus;
 - Make full use of opportunities for fruitful deliberations and effective consultative process in order to consolidate views on the anticipated regulatory framework.
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