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Mr. Chairman and distinguished delegates, it is my pleasure to join you today to address the Committee at its 64th session.

The UNCOPUOS has supported and encouraged international collaboration, especially in the peaceful use of outer space... and I want to thank you for your continued efforts of cooperation and assisting others around the world in developing their space-based systems to improve the lives of all of us here on Earth.

NASA has a long history of international cooperation. In fact, “cooperation with other nations and groups of nations” in the peaceful exploration of space was a key element in the legislation that first started NASA.

Now, for more than 60 years, the United States has worked closely with the UN and many of its member states. This partnership is driven by a clear understanding that when it comes to space... when it comes to exploration and discovery in space... when it comes to



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climate... we're all in this together. International collaboration is key to future scientific and human spaceflight achievements.

And activities in space are more advanced, more exciting, and more international than ever. With this pace of activity, it is important that each nation behaves responsibly in space. And we are very happy to have Brazil, New Zealand, and the Republic of Korea as the newest members of the Artemis Accords. They've been signed by twelve countries, and these Accords establish a common framework to guide space exploration cooperation among nations participating. Thank you also to those who have already signed and those who will sign in the future. Thank you for joining us in our commitments to the exploration and use of space for peaceful purposes.

We will land the first woman and first person of color on the Moon. And we're going to do it with the most diverse coalition of commercial and international partners in all of human space exploration history.

So, on behalf of NASA, thank you for your efforts to encourage the peaceful, sustainable use of space in order to have the benefits of space exploration for the use of all



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humanity. We are committed to working with you to achieve the goals that can only be made possible by all of us working together.

Thank you very much.