

Statement Netherlands regarding agenda item 14 (Future Role of the Committee) *Delivered by: Mr. J.G. Kroon, Radiocommunications Agency Netherlands*

Distinguished delegates,

During this year's STS COPUOS meeting, the Netherlands made a comment about adding agenda items.

This point arose from the proposal in the previous STS COPUOS meeting, to add the matter of "Dark and Quiet Skies" as a single issue and/or item for discussion on the agenda of the fifty-ninth session of STS COPUOS. The Netherlands would like to point that adding agenda items to the COPUOS agenda should be considered carefully.

The Netherlands believes that we should always firstly discuss adding agenda items to our already overcrowded agenda. In order to conduct committee meetings effectively and efficiently, the Netherlands believes that in situations where items are added to the agenda, consideration should be given to introducing the rule that an agenda item can only be added to the agenda if another item has been removed. This was also suggested in the last Legal Subcommittee. It would allow us to maintain a balance between the length of the agenda on the one hand and the time available during our meetings on the other.

In general, the Netherlands is in favor of increasing the efficiency of the committee's working methods. The Netherlands remains alert to the improvement of agenda management. We believe that this can be achieved by taking into account the right balance between available time and the length of the agenda.

Thank you Mr. Chairman.