

**Angolan Delegation Statement at the 65th Session of the United Nations  
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**Mr. Chair,**

Allow me to take this opportunity to congratulate on your election as Chair of the 65th Session of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space.

My delegation would like to thank the Office for Outer Space Affairs led by Mr Niklas Hedman and the Secretariat for the excellent preparation of this session.

My delegation fully aligns itself with the statement delivered by the G77 and China and the African Group .

**Mr. Chair,**

The National Space Program of Angola guided by the Angolan National Space Strategy 2016–2025, provides an outlook of space activities that throughout last nine years, conducted Angola from a non-space-faring country to an emerging space-faring country.

The Angolan National Space Strategy has contributed significantly to the nation's increased space activities and socioeconomic growth. In 2017, Angola launched its first satellite, ANGOSAT-1, into orbit and during 2022, the angolan second satellite, ANGOSAT-2, will be launched.

The launch of ANGOSAT-2, aims to deliver broadband internet and fulfill the digital divide for Angola and Southern African Development Community (SADC) region.

Furthermore, Angola is also leading some critical regional initiatives, such as the SADC shared satellite network project, focused on space infrastructures and satellite

resources sharing, as well as planning the launch of an SADC communication satellite by 2027.

- Angola is implementing an Earth Observation Program with the collaboration and support of international partners, targeting some of Angola's fundamental challenges to achieve the related Sustainable Development Goals of the 2030 agenda including the agricultural precision, demographic tracking, sea oil spill detection, and land and maritime border monitoring.

**Mr. Chair,**

Human capacity-building is one of the top priorities of the Angolan National Space Program, in this context, Angola has graduated more than 60 experts in space and science technology, namely, 5 PhDs, 22 masters and 28 bachelors, being 45 of them certified as satellite operators. More than 164 students and lecturers were trained to design, implement and test small satellites.

The Angolan National Space Strategy also establishes the implementation of Angola's national legislation on space activities. This legislation will allow to harmonize infrastructures and space applications and ensure their interoperability and integration of data, as well as the quality, safety, and suitability of space products, aligned with the principles of peaceful uses of outer space and the space treaties of the United Nations.

In conclusion Mr. Chair,

We would like to thank personally Mr. Niklas Hedman and his staff for the support provided during the joining process to the Committee and the Member States for the kindness and hospitality expressed

Angola also take this opportunity to congratulate the Republic of Bangladesh, Kuwait, Panama and Slovenia as new members of the Committee.

Honorably Angola is now a part of COPUOS, and is looking forward to contribute for promotion of the peaceful use of outer space.

Thank you.