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United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs (UNOOSA)
Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (COPUOS) Secretariat
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Registration for the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, 67th Session

To the COPUOS Secretariat,

It is a pleasure to register our interest in participating in the 67th session of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space this June 2024. Representing iGEM in person at this event will be:

Lucas Boldrini, Team Experience Manager, iGEM

The iGEM Foundation is an independent, non-profit organization dedicated to the advancement of synthetic biology, education and competition, and the development of an open community and collaboration. It organizes an international team competition in which students design, build and test synthetic biology projects. In recent years, the number of teams working on projects focused on space exploration has been consistently increasing. To support them, we have implemented the iGEM Space Initiative, composed of the iGEM Space Network, a group of experts offering assistance and guidance to teams working on space exploration, and other resources. We are interested in attending this session to develop these resources and contribute to the space community on a broader scale.

iGEM has already attended, as an NGO, the COPUOS STSC 60th Session in 2023, and the BWC RevCon in 2017 and 2022 at the UN Office at Geneva. We were also involved with UNODA's work on the youth for Biosecurity initiative and declaration.

We would now like to attend the next meeting under the COPUOS 2024 framework. I would be grateful if you could take the necessary steps to enable our participation and offer a general statement for iGEM Foundation at this year's committee. We look forward to being able to take part in this important international event.

Yours sincerely,

Lucas Boldrini

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