



## SECURE WORLD FOUNDATION

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Mister Chairman, distinguished delegates, on behalf of the Secure World Foundation, I appreciate this opportunity to present an update on the Foundation's work since June 2023 under this agenda item. The Secure World Foundation is a Non-governmental Organization granted permanent observer status at this Committee in 2008, and special consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council in 2010.

The Secure World Foundation focuses its activities on three primary themes: ensuring the long-term sustainability of outer space activities; fostering the development of sound space policy and law; and enhancing the use of space technology and international cooperation to support human and environmental security on Earth.

In June 2023, SWF organized our fifth *Summit for Space Sustainability* in New York City. The more than 500 in-person and virtual participants welcomed a keynote from Mr. Guy Ryder, the UN Undersecretary-General for Policy, who linked space sustainability to the broader set of global challenges. The *Summit for Space Sustainability* was a forum for substantive discussions and valuable networking opportunities. A full event wrap-up document can be found on our [website](#).

The sixth *Summit for Space Sustainability* will be held as an in-person event in Tokyo, Japan on July 11 and 12. This year's Summit is co-hosted with the National Space Policy Secretariat of the Cabinet Office of the Government of Japan, and in coordination with the SPACETIDE 2024 conference, which will take place in Tokyo from July 8 to 10. We cordially invite all delegations to attend *the Summit for Space Sustainability*. More information is available at the website [swfsummit.org](https://swfsummit.org).

We would like to remind all delegations of our publication, the *COPUOS Briefing Book*. This is a short, pragmatic source of information on COPUOS intended for all delegates and those who interact with this forum. The *COPUOS Briefing Book* brings together useful information on the history, structure, working methods, and other details of COPUOS, its two subcommittees, and further information on

the Working Groups that have assisted the work of this Committee. The *COPUOS Briefing Book* is available in electronic format on our website, and I also have a limited number of printed copies available with me. We are also happy to be working in conjunction with our fellow observers Intersputnik on the translation and printing of Russian, Spanish, and French translations of the *COPUOS Briefing Book*.

Secure World Foundation is proud to join the International Astronomical Union, the International Academy of Astronautics, the International Institute of Space Law, the European Astronomical Society, the Square Kilometre Array Observatory, the Open Lunar Foundation, and For All Moonkind in the submission of CRP. 14, entitled '*Protection of Astronomy and Science on the Moon.*'

This Conference Room Paper, which displays substantive and useful cooperation amongst the observer delegations here at COPUOS, details in clear and evocative terms the varied and valuable scientific and astronomical opportunities that the Moon presents. However, some of the most important and pioneering scientific missions on the Moon can take place only in specific locations and under specific conditions, and can take place only if they are protected from contamination and interference—even from other legitimate and peaceful uses.

Mister Chair, distinguished delegates and observers, the Secure World Foundation looks forward to continuing to support the Committee's efforts to achieve and sustain the continued peaceful uses of outer space.

Thank you for your kind attention.



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