

STATEMENT ON AGENDA ITEM: 5 GENERAL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS AT THE 67TH SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE PEACEFUL USES OF OUTER SPACE VIENNA, AUSTRIA, 19 – 28 JUNE 2024

Chair,

1. Congratulations on your election as Chair of this session.
2. COPUOS is a vital platform to foster dialogue and international cooperation in the exploration and use of outer space for peaceful purposes. Singapore strongly supports discussions at COPUOS that address pertinent issues such as space debris, space traffic management, space resources utilisation and the implementation of the Guidelines on the Long-Term Sustainability of Outer Space Activities. It is also critical that such discussions pay particular attention to the needs of developing states, many of whom rely on space applications to achieve their developmental goals but whose space programmes are often at a nascent stage or have not yet begun. Singapore strongly believes in equal access to the benefits of space for all states, not just a privileged few. In that regard, we thank UNOOSA for supporting developing states through their capacity building initiatives. Singapore welcomes the focus on these issues in Our Common Agenda and look forward to substantive outcomes in the Pact of the Future and during the Summit of the Future this September.

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3. Singapore's domestic space ecosystem continues to grow, with a focus on developing space capabilities and applications to support critical domains such as aviation, maritime and sustainability. We are also working to bring together industry and government through several initiatives. For example, earlier this year, the Office for Space Technology & Industry (OSTIn) hosted its inaugural Space Industry Sprint, which gathered key players from Singapore's satellite communications sector to review our collective progress and identify areas and opportunities for growth.

4. Singapore is working to deepen our international space partnerships. In October last year, OSTIn co-chaired the inaugural US-Singapore Space Dialogue and convened the US-Singapore Commercial Space Roundtable. In the same month, OSTIn signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Luxembourg Space Agency and continued to enhance our cooperation with Thailand's Geo-informatics and Space Technology Development Agency (GISTDA). More recently, we were pleased that the French Space Agency, CNES and Singapore's Nanyang Technological University renewed research agreements that will promote deeper partnerships and mutually beneficial cooperation among the various parties. OSTIn is also working with the Italian Space Agency on the ASEAN-Italy Cooperation Initiative on Space and Smart Technologies, which will create long-term partnerships between the business and scientific communities between the space ecosystems in ASEAN and Italy.
5. Singapore is also continuing to expand our international space engagements to connect with other spacefaring nations and the space industry to learn from their experiences and best practices, and to expand our knowledge of the latest space policies and regulations. In the past year, Singapore has participated in the G20 Space Economy Leaders Meeting, the International Astronautical Congress, the Asia-Pacific Regional Space Agency Forum, the Space Symposium, the ASEAN Sub-Committee for Space Technology and Applications, the Artemis Accords, and continued to host the 16th Global Space and Technology Convention in Singapore, just to name a few.

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6. Singapore remains firmly committed to the objectives and purpose of COPUOS and the space treaties we are Party to. It is of critical importance for the global community to preserve space as a peaceful commons, and to prevent an arms race in outer space. We remain steadfast in our support for the use of multilateral cooperative mechanisms at the UN and other regional and international fora to promote the peaceful, responsible, and sustainable use of outer space by all.

Thank you, Chair.