

Statement on the 5-th issue of the agenda

General exchange of views

Your honor Mr. Chairman!
Distinguished delegates!

Our joint work within COPUOS provides inspiration that humanity will work together to achieve responsible, peaceful use and exploration of outer space, understanding it not only as the heritage of all mankind, but also as a unique civilizational domain for our species and for all our future generations. Dialogue is an important civilizational value. However, while we have gathered here to talk about the peaceful use of space, and the benefits of space for all mankind, Ukraine urges delegates not to ignore the violation of international law when it occurs on our planet Earth. Russia's attack on Ukraine is an unprovoked, deliberate attack against a sovereign democratic state, a manifestation of barbarism and ignorance in the 21st century.

It is noteworthy that the name of the Committee already contains an important goal - the use of outer space for peaceful purposes. And Ukraine fully supports and promotes the thesis that "space is the irreplaceable future of the entire human civilization, and therefore law and justice must be developed today for the future coexistence of people in space."

The work of the UN Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space demonstrates that law as a universal regulator of social relations should play a decisive role in the space future of humanity. However, Russia's military attacks on peaceful cities and towns, on the civilian population of Ukraine with ballistic and other missiles proves that the Russian Federation does not accept this idea.

At the same time, the aggressor state's claims about the possibility of shooting down other satellites, which, according to the Russians, can be classified as "quasi-civilian," indicate its attempts to deform and reshape the international space order. That is why Russia's proposals for a draft treaty on the prevention of the placement of weapons in outer space, the use or threat of force against outer space objects look like a farce. In addition, in the context of space security, an important question arises as to the acceptability of the creation and testing of ground-based weapons systems with the sole purpose of destroying spacecraft.

Our delegation supports the condemnation and recognition of the inadmissibility of any threats to use weapons in outer space against space objects. This is important because outer space is our common future, which cannot be allowed to be polluted or destroyed, and which requires our collective protection and defense for the benefit of future generations.

In addition, we consider it appropriate to once again emphasize that any actions of the UN Office for Outer Space Affairs to establish an "Educational Center for Space Science and Technology in the Eurasian Region" on the territory of the aggressor state, Russia, will be perceived as a violation of the UN Charter. UN General Assembly Resolution 76/76 stipulated that under the auspices of this center, Russia would build partnerships in the Eurasian region. With its inhumane actions

against Ukraine, including the use of various types of missiles, Russia has clearly proved that there can be no partnership with the aggressor. We call on all member states to loudly and clearly condemn the new regional center in Russia.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my deep gratitude to all states and peoples who support Ukraine and its people in our struggle for freedom, independence and dignity against Russian aggression.

Thank you for your attention!