

STATEMENT ON AGENDA ITEM 8: REPORT OF THE LEGAL SUBCOMMITTEE ON ITS SIXTY-THIRD SESSION AT THE 67th SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE PEACEFUL USES OF OUTER SPACE VIENNA, AUSTRIA, 19 – 28 JUNE 2024

Chair, distinguished delegates,

1. Singapore thanks the Secretariat for their organisation of the 63rd session of the Legal Subcommittee, and the Chair, Santiago Ripol Carulla of Spain, for his leadership.
2. The LSC session was an important opportunity to foster dialogue and international cooperation on legal issues related to the peaceful use and exploration of outer space. We are therefore disappointed that the LSC was unsuccessful, for the first time, in reaching agreement on a substantive report. Despite this missed opportunity, Singapore continues to strongly support the UN's efforts, through COPUOS, to facilitate discussions to promote an open, inclusive and rules-based approach to the responsible use of space by all.
3. As an emerging space player, Singapore places importance on developing a domestic regulatory framework to promote compliance with international law. As a first step, we recently published a set of guidelines for local entities on space safety, sustainability and space object registration. These guidelines also encourage local entities to work with Singapore's national space office, the Office for Space Technology & Industry (OSTIn), which supports the growth of Singapore's space ecosystem. We will continue to develop our domestic regulatory framework by learning from the experiences and best practices of other Member States, including through our participation in the third phase of the National Space Legislation Initiative hosted under the Asia-Pacific Regional Space Agency Forum (APRSAF-NSLI). We also commend UNOOSA for organising capacity building initiatives on space law, which are immensely helpful for emerging space players.
4. The international community must work together to preserve outer space as a peaceful global commons for the collective benefit of humankind. Singapore will continue to participate actively at regional and international fora and

initiatives that share best practices and promote useful collaboration. In this regard, Singapore will host the 34th session of the ASEAN Sub-Committee for Space Technology and Applications (SCOSA) and will organise a Space Policy Exchange this year, which will provide an opportunity for space policy practitioners from ASEAN Member States to discuss pertinent policy issues and share best practices on space policy.

5. As a member of the Artemis Accords, Singapore supports the peaceful and safe exploration of space. We welcome continued discussions at the Legal Subcommittee and COPUOS on the exploration, exploitation, extraction and utilisation of space resources, including through the Working Group on the Legal Aspects of Space Resource Activities.

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6. Singapore remains committed to supporting cooperative mechanisms at the UN and other regional and international fora to promote the peaceful, responsible, and sustainable use of outer space by all.
7. Thank you.