



WOMEN IN AEROSPACE EUROPE

Empowering all Women, in Space and on Earth

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Dear Ms Holla-Maini,

On behalf of Women in Aerospace Europe (WIA-Europe), I am pleased to formally request ad hoc observer status at the 67th session of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (COPUOS).

WIA-Europe is an international non-profit, volunteer-driven association, founded in 2009 and headquartered in the Netherlands. Our mission is to advance diversity, equity, and the role of women in the aerospace sector. With over 1,000 members representing 24 nationalities, 51 corporate members and partners—including corporations, educational institutions, and space agencies—and a network of more than 20 regional groups across Europe, we foster education, mentorship, policy dialogue, and collaboration across industry, academia, and government.

Through our programmes, including outreach initiatives, research collaborations, and mentorship, we aim to promote inclusive participation in the space sector and contribute to the shared goals of the United Nations in the peaceful and equitable use of outer space. Since its inception, WIA-Europe has proudly supported and contributed to UNOOSA's Space4Women programme, actively engaging with its mission to promote gender equality in space activities.

We believe that WIA-Europe's perspective and activities would bring valuable contributions to the Committee's work, particularly in areas related to workforce development, inclusive growth, and international cooperation in space.

Please find enclosed the relevant documentation on our organization and governance. **Women in Aerospace Europe will be represented by Luisella Giulicchi as its President.** We remain at your disposal for any further information you may require, and we sincerely hope that our request to attend the upcoming session as an ad hoc observer will be considered favorably.

Yours sincerely,
Luisella Giulicchi
President