

## **68<sup>TH</sup> SESSION OF COPUOS**

### **Agenda Item 4 – General Exchange of Views**

#### **STATEMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF GHANA**

##### **Chair, Excellencies and Distinguished Delegates**

Allow me at the outset to congratulate you, Chair, on your assumption of the Chairmanship of the 68th Session of COPUOS. We also wish to commend the efforts of the Director of UNOOSA, Ms. Aarti Holla-Maini and the entire Secretariat for their dedicated work in preparing for this important session. We recognize and appreciate the leadership of Director Holla-Maini in fostering international cooperation and support for emerging space actors.

Ghana aligns itself with the statements delivered by the distinguished Ambassador of Kenya on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, and the distinguished Ambassador of Burkina Faso on behalf of the African Group. I however make this statement in my national capacity.

The Republic of Ghana is honoured to participate in this 68th session of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space. Since becoming a member of this Committee in 2013, Ghana has remained deeply committed to advancing the peaceful, inclusive and sustainable use of outer space for the benefit of all humanity. We believe that outer space should remain a global commons, guided by principles of cooperation, equity and innovation.

In this regard, we welcome the increased momentum toward capacity-building initiatives that are responsive to the evolving needs of developing countries. We commend the continued leadership of the UNOOSA and its invaluable role in strengthening national institutions and promoting inclusive space governance.

Chair, from 17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> June, 2025, Ghana hosted a Technical Advisory Mission on Space Law, supported by UNOOSA and the Government of France. This mission reflects Ghana's transition from space policy to space legislation, laying the legal foundation for the establishment of a national space agency. We wish to particularly acknowledge the generous support of the Government of France in this regard. The successful completion of this mission will position Ghana as a regional reference point and set a valuable benchmark for future technical cooperation across the region.

Chair, we also underscore Ghana's involvement in the CommonSpace Initiative, a multistakeholder partnership facilitated by UNOOSA and the Commonwealth Secretariat. The project's pilot, centred on the use of a digital twin of Accra for flood simulation, is a compelling example of how international cooperation and advanced technologies can directly enhance national resilience and early warning systems. We welcome the growing role of the Commonwealth in advancing such partnerships and call on developed countries as well as spacefaring nations to provide sustained support to this important initiative. Such collaborations exemplify the transformative power of space for sustainable development and climate adaptation.

In conclusion, we look toward UNISPACE IV, Ghana urges that the preparatory process continue to prioritize equity, inclusion and capacity transfer to developing countries. We reaffirm our support for the Space2030 Agenda and its relevance to national and regional development frameworks, particularly the African Union's Agenda 2063.

I thank you for the opportunity.