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Agenda Item 13: Future role and method of work of the Committee
Statement by Germany

Honourable Chair, distinguished delegates,

the impact of the liquidity crisis on the work of UNOOSA and COPUOS is evident in the shortened meeting time for the current session. We very much regret this situation and thank the Secretariat and all Member States for their constructive spirit in enabling important deliberations and decisions to be made at the present session despite these circumstances. COPUOS should nonetheless continue to be the unique forum for the exchange of experts on cooperation in space for peaceful purposes.

Under this agenda item, we would like to highlight the following:

First, we welcome the adoption of a full report at the LSC. This provides an opportunity to reflect different perspectives, as expressed during the formal sessions prior to the adoption of the report. As we have seen in the STSC, the adoption of action-oriented reports shall only take place under exceptional circumstances.

Secondly, we encourage to continue inviting contributions from experts and observer organisations on the latest developments closely related to specific agenda items, for further consideration by Member States in various working formats such as working groups, action teams, study groups, technical presentations and side events.

Finally, we thank the ATLAC co-chairs, Ms Botezatu and Mr Abbas, for organising cross-committee meetings and coordinating with the WG chairs of both subcommittees as well as the co-facilitators of the UNISPACE IV deliberations, Italy and Morocco, for convening cross-committee meetings to collect views on all thematic pillars discussed at COPUOS and its Subcommittees. We consider this cross-committee coordination as an important means to support our work. On UNISPACE IV, we consider that the revised text facilitates the conference's linkage to tangible outcomes whilst avoiding duplication of existing efforts, instead highlighting the important work of the Committee. We recognize the valuable contributions of existing work streams to the conference and look forward to reaching a consensus at this COPUOS session on the

establishment of the Study Group on Legal and Policy Aspects of Space Traffic and an Expert Group on Space Situational Awareness with a view to contributing its work to UNISPACE IV.

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We are committed to strengthening international cooperation, taking into account the interests of developing countries and emerging spacefaring nations. At the UN level, we continue to support UNOOSA core programmes, including UN-SPIDER, which are vital in making the benefits of space accessible to all. Additional measures are provided at national and regional levels, and we are ready to engage in dialogue with other Member States on this matter to analyse how international cooperation can be further expanded to bring the benefits of space to everyone.

Finally, we look forward to working with Member States and UNOOSA to make sure that COPUOS and its Subcommittees continue their strong track record of delivering impactful results.

Thank you for your attention.