



Statement of APSCO Delegation

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Agenda Item 4. General Exchange of Views

Honorable Chair, Distinguished Delegates,

It is my privilege to make this statement on behalf of the Asia-Pacific Space Cooperation Organization (APSCO), regarding the Agenda Item No. 4. General Exchange of Views.

Mr. Chair,

My delegation has full trust and confidence in your leadership to steer this committee, and we extend our full support to you and to the work of the COPUOS. We also extend our appreciation to Ms. Aarti Holla-Maini, the Director of UNOOSA, and her team, for very efficient planning, and successfully organizing this session, managing the liquidity crisis efficiently.

Mr. Chair, Distinguished Delegates,

APSCO is an inter-governmental international organization devoted on tapping regional resources, promoting multilateral cooperation in space science, technology and applications and capacity building in space related fields. It provides a cooperative mechanism for countries to work together for the development of collaborative space programs & space capabilities. APSCO currently has fourteen Member States. China is the host country for APSCO and the Headquarters of APCSO is located in Beijing, China.

Mr. Chair,

APSCO has been actively participating at the UNCOPUOS and its sub committees' s meeting since its inception in 2008. APSCO strongly adheres to the importance of strengthening international collaboration, promoting United Nations treaties on outer space, fostering fair access to space' encouraging knowledge-sharing initiatives, and focusing on ways to promote international, regional and interregional cooperation.

Mr. Chair, Distinguished Delegates,

Some of the recent activities of APSCO that contribute to the agenda an objective of the UNCOPUOS include:

- Under the APSCO 5-Year Project Implementation Plan (2021-2025) that supplements realization of the 10-Year Plan, there are 37 projects included in the fields of Space Science, Technology and Applications, Space Education, Training and Capacity Building.
- As a basic facility for sharing space-derived data, and promoting application of satellite remote sensing, the APSCO Data Sharing Service Platform (DSSP) has been actively utilized through 25 Certified Users in all APSCO Member States. The upgraded version of the Platform can provide Earth-observation data in more extensive and responsive manner.
- APSCO has established a Working Group for Joint Study on International Lunar Research Station (ILRS) initiative. More than 50 experts and scholars from APSCO Member States have joined the team.
- For disaster monitoring and management, APSCO has established a Charter-like emergency response mechanism among our members.
- In the domain of space science and space observation, a network of 11 telescopes is being established, consisting of 50 cm telescopes in all member state of APSCO.
- APSCO Space Law Alliance (ASLA), inaugurated in 2024, is a network of 27 space organizations, institutions, and universities from Member States of APSCO to promote research and capacity building in space law and policy.
- The APSCO Space University (APSU) initiative was approved by the APSCO Council in 2024, which is a flagship education initiative of APSCO designed to provide systematic, internationalized and pragmatic trainings and academic programs in the field of space science, technology, and applications. APSU aims to build an open, inclusive, collaborative and pragmatic platform for knowledge sharing and capacity building among APSCO

Member States.

- Under APSCO degree education program, so far 253 Masters and 102 Doctors degree scholarships have been provided.

Furthermore, I would like to share that the 4th APSCO Leadership Development Forum 2024 shall be held back-to-back with the 19th Council Meeting of APSCO in Bangkok, Thailand from 1-2 December 2025. The leadership forum shall provide a high-level platform to carry dialogue and discussion on contemporary issues and the potential role of developing countries in space domain.

Mr. Chair, Distinguished Delegates,

APSCO and its Members are strongly committed and strongly support international space cooperation especially through UNOOSA mechanism. APSCO is open to all countries and the space community to cooperate for peaceful uses of outer space.

I thank you all for your attention.

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Secretary-General

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