

Statement to the United Nations Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space  
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Thank you, Chair. I am honored to deliver this statement on behalf of For All Moonkind. We remain grateful for your leadership and for the exceptional work of the UNOOSA team. For All Moonkind is an entirely volunteer-led international, non-governmental, not-for-profit organization dedicated solely to safeguarding humanity's cultural heritage in outer space as a foundational pillar of sustainable space governance.

Distinguished delegates, we are at an inflection point. A new era of lunar exploration is unfolding – not in the abstract, but right now. We are witnessing tremendous advancements in science and resource development. However, the Moon is not merely a destination for scientific inquiry or resource extraction; it is also a shared archive of human achievement, bearing the footprints, artifacts and instruments that mark our species' first steps beyond Earth. Sites like Luna 2, which heralded the dawn of lunar exploration and Apollo 11, where humanity first touched another celestial body, are unique and inspiring. These sites and the objects that lay there are evidence of human achievement, the culmination of centuries of human evolution and ingenuity. They are irreplaceable.

Distinguished delegates, the COPUOS and its Subcommittees serve as vital platforms for international cooperation, fostering peaceful exploration, global governance and inclusive participation in outer space activities. No body is better positioned to balance the protection of lunar heritage with the freedom of exploration. We strongly support Poland's proposal, echoed in submissions by the United Kingdom and Armenia, that the Action Team on Lunar Activity Consultation is a most appropriate forum to undertake the first step towards

developing a guidance document on international rules and practices applicable to the recognition and safeguarding of lunar heritage.

The rapid pace of lunar missions underscores the urgency of this dialogue. Without proactive measures, the technological advancements driving lunar exploration could inadvertently damage these irreplaceable sites. We urge this Committee to adopt Poland's recommendation to include the preservation of sites and objects of significant scientific and historical value on the Moon among the priority topics of the ATLAC.

Safeguarding these sites does not hinder exploration — it enhances it. Recognizing and safeguarding our history reflects our highest values and affirms our commitment to a future in space that remembers where we began.

I thank you for your kind attention.

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