Agenda Item 4: General Exchange of Views

Statement of the Republic of Indonesia at the 68th Session of COPUOS Vienna, Austria, 25 June – 2 July 2025 by Mr. Erik Mangajaya

Mr. Chair, Excellencies, distinguished Delegates,

Allow me to join others in congratulating you, Mr. Rafiq Akram of Morocco, as the Chair of the 68th Session of COPUOS. Rest assured of our delegation's full support for the successful outcome of our auspicious deliberations under your able leadership.

We thank the Director Aarti-Holla-Maini and her Secretariat Team for the excellent preparation of this meeting despite some situational constrains we are facing.

The Indonesian delegation associates itself with the General Statement of the G-77 and China and the General Statement of MIKTA. In addition, I would like to add a few brief remarks in our national capacity.

Chair,

The Government of the Republic of Indonesia would like once again to emphasize our view that based on international law, outer space shall be used and explored entirely for peaceful purposes and for the benefit of all mankind.

Indonesia welcomes Latvia and Djibouti as the new members of COPUOS. We urge more countries to join this forum for strengthening our multilateral works to guarantee peaceful uses of outer space, the future of humankind. My delegation hopes the Director of UNOOSA could establish some programmes to accelerate the universality membership of UNCOPUOS.

At the same time, my delegation acknowledges the challenges of our budgetary deficit. We hope the UNOOSA will be able to find creative ways to maintain the capacity building programmes without sacrificing the quality of capacity building services.

Chair,

Allow us to extend our appreciation to the Director for the Summary Report on COPUOS work and the Chair's opening remarks. My delegation is pleased to see the progress of the work of the STSC and LSC Subcommittees. The long list of item agendas in STSC, LSC, and also the Committee sessions, shows that our commitment to multilateralism in outer space issues keeps growing. The complexity of the issues also demonstrates there are many issues that we need to negotiate.

We hope our deliberations will come up with solutions for all pending issues and strengthen our cooperation and normative setting processes.

Considering the issues of Space Traffic Management (STM), Space Debris and Space Resources, we are of the view that this Committee should make a specific but concise report to the General Assembly on how the Committee has implemented the mandate given by the Pact for the Future to negotiate possible legal frameworks on STM, Space Debris and Space Resources.

My delegation reserves its right to provide some comments on individual related agenda items at this session.

Mr. Chair,

Allow me to share some information regarding recent developments of Indonesia's space activities.

Indonesia is continuing the process of formulating implementing regulations of Law No. 21 Year 2013 on Outer Space, and establishing a comprehensive national space governance framework. A comprehensive review of the National Roadmap on Outer Space Program is currently being conducted.

Indonesia continues to actively participate in international and regional capacity building programmes, including the Sentinel Asia initiative for disaster management, which provides funding assistance for activities co-organized by the Sentinel Asia and BRIN, and training workshops co-organized with UNESCAP on the use of space applications for sustainable development focusing on disaster management tools.

At regional level, Indonesia is active in the ASEAN Sub-Committee on Space Technology and Application (SCOSA) and its subsidiary bodies. Indonesia will host the 15th annual meeting of the Southeast Asia Astronomy Network (SEAAN) in Bandung, Indonesia, from 13 to 15 October 2025.

Further, we would like to inform that Indonesia is hosting the United Nations/Indonesia Workshop on the Applications of Global Navigation Satellite Systems (GNSS), held in Jakarta, Indonesia from 17 to 21 November 2025. Further information has been announced on the website of UNCOPUOS.

Thank you.