

## SECURE WORLD FOUNDATION

### Statement under Agenda Item 4. *General Exchange of Views*

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Mister Chair, distinguished delegates and observers, on behalf of the Secure World Foundation, I appreciate this opportunity to present an update on the Foundation's work since the last session of this Committee in June 2024.

Secure World Foundation focuses its activities on three primary themes. The first is ensuring the long-term sustainability of outer space activities; the second is fostering the development of sound space policy and law; and the third is enhancing the use of space technology and international cooperation to support human and environmental security on Earth.

In July 2024, Secure World Foundation organized the sixth *Summit for Space Sustainability* in Tokyo, Japan. We thank our co-host, the Cabinet Office, Space Policy Secretariat, of the Government of Japan for the successful collaboration and co-organization of this event. The Summit was attended in-person and online by more than 550 participants from 37 states. Key themes discussed included: active debris removal progress and challenges; regional space situational awareness initiatives; and sustainability challenges presented by space exploration activities.

The seventh *Summit for Space Sustainability* will be held in Paris, France, on October 22–23, co-hosted with the Centre National D'études Spatiales (CNES) and the Government of France. We invite the distinguished delegates of COPUOS to attend this event. Further details can be found on the website [swfsummit.org](https://swfsummit.org).

In October of 2024, SWF released the second edition of the *Handbook for New Actors in Space*. This guide provides up-to-date information on the existing legal frameworks, national regulation and policy, and operational best practices for safe and sustainable space activities.

Mister Chair, distinguished delegates, we are pleased to present to this Committee the latest version of our *COPUOS Briefing Book*. The updated *COPUOS Briefing Book* is a comprehensive guide to the

history and current work of COPUOS, its two subcommittees, and its Working Groups. In partnership with Intersputnik – a fellow observer delegation at this Committee – we are pleased to offer French, Spanish, and Russian translations of the *COPUOS Briefing Book*. All versions of the *COPUOS Briefing Book* are also now available in electronic format on our website. We also have a number of printed copies available for free distribution here at this session.

Mister Chair, distinguished delegates, the Secure World Foundation looks forward to continuing to support the Committee's efforts to achieve and sustain the continued peaceful uses of outer space.

Thank you for your kind attention.

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