

Statement of the Lunar Policy Platform Foundation

at the 68th Annual Session of the United Nations Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space

Item 4: General Exchange of Views

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Shukran, Mr. Chair.

On behalf of Stichting Lunar Policy Platform, a non-profit, non-governmental organisation globally known as Lunar Policy Platform Foundation, we are grateful for the opportunity to participate in the 68th session of COPUOS as *ad hoc* observer, and present our application for Permanent Observer Status with the Committee for the kind consideration of Member States.

LPP Foundation is an **expert, global, neutral,** organisation dedicated to enabling a **peaceful, prosperous, and cooperative future on the Moon through policy.**

All our activities aim to complement and support the crucial work of COPUOS as the leading multilateral body in charge of space governance.

Our distinctive feature is the creation of collaborative documents identifying common ground on priorities, policies, and standards for peaceful, safe and sustainable lunar activities.

Our policy documents are developed through a rigorous consultative process open to all interested parties, and published online in perpetual open access for the use and benefit of all relevant actors.

Our activities began in 2022 as a global initiative incubated by the Open Lunar Foundation, an independent non-profit entity committed to safeguarding a peaceful, cooperative, and sustainable lunar future.

Since then, we have published two widely referenced documents, the 2023 *Lunar Policy Priorities Report* and the 2024 *Lunar Policy Snapshot*, and further conducted capacity building in lunar policy through seminars and articles.

After these years of groundbreaking work, as of 2025 LPP is now established as an independent, global, non-profit, neutral Foundation.

Building upon the Priorities Report and Policy Snapshot, and thanks to the continuing support of Open Lunar, this year we are focusing our work on lunar information sharing and lunar science and ethics.

In consultation with 36 organisations including governments, companies, and experts, we are developing a *Lunar Information Sharing 101* outlining common ground on what to share, where, how, when, and why.

In collaboration with a diverse group of 39 scientific bodies, universities and civil society, we are developing a *Guide to Lunar Science & Ethics* to map scientific, cultural, and ethical interests in the Moon and assess a path forward for a balanced approach.

Both documents are currently open for feedback, and we warmly invite all interested Member States to come see us during the session.

On June 24th, together with Open Lunar, we co-hosted a **side event** to present our work, answer questions, and discuss feedback.

More information on LPP Foundation can be found in the CRP which details our application for Permament Observer Status.

To conclude, we are **grateful** for the opportunity to attend this session as *ad hoc* observer and **present our application for Permanent Observer Status**.

We remain available to answer any query you may have, and would be **delighted to work together** to build a peaceful, prosperous and cooperative future on the Moon, for the benefit of all humanity.

Thank you for your kind attention.