

Ways and Means of Maintaining Outer Space for Peaceful Purposes

Mr. Chair and distinguished delegates,

Recognising outer space as a common province of humankind, India continues to pursue its efforts for responsible, safe and sustainable utilisation of outer space. India is a party to all major international space treaties and regulations that enshrine the foundational principles of peaceful utilization and exploration of outer space. India has put in place necessary mechanisms to ensure that the activities by its Non-Governmental Entities are also in conformity with the existing treaties and best practices.

Mr Chair,

India recognises the pivotal role of Space Situational Awareness, in particular space object observational capabilities, in ensuring spaceflight safety. Currently the establishment of the required infrastructure, for capacity building is in progress in tandem with data sharing and international collaboration.

Mr Chair

In view of the growing complexity of space activities and their diverse applications, Transparency and Confidence Building Measures play a crucial role in dispelling potential misgivings about the intent and purpose of outer space activities. Such measures include adherence to Registration Convention, notifications on launch and major orbital events, and any activities for active debris removal or remediation. Transparent sharing of orbital data and space situational assessments among space-faring entities are also essential for spaceflight safety as more and more active satellites operate in a shared, increasingly congested orbital regime.

Mr. Chair,

While voluntary implementation of the relevant measures at the State level is undoubtedly an effective means to ensure that the outer space environment remains sustainable for unhindered access and utilisation, tackling the emerging challenges requires collaborative efforts at a global level. In this regard, India believes that UN-COPUOS has been and will continue to be the most suitable forum enabling the exchange of relevant ideas, experiences and lessons learnt among the member states to ensure the continued exploration and utilisation of outer space.

Thank you, Mr Chair and distinguished delegates, for your kind attention.