

## **Agenda Item 6: Report of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee on its Sixty-second Session**

### **Republic of Korea National Statement**

#### **Sixty-eighth Session of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space**

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Thank you, Chair.

The Republic of Korea has been actively promoting international cooperation to advance sustainable space activities, as discussed in the 62nd session of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee in February. As a part of our strong commitment to sustainable space activities, the ROK decided to join the Group of Friends (GoF) of the Dark and Quiet Sky for Science and Society this May.

Before joining the GoF, we have been making efforts to align with the international community's commitment to protecting the Dark and Quiet Skies (DQS). In October 2024, the Korean Astronomical Society held a special session on "Protecting the Dark and Quiet Skies" to raise awareness about the DQS agenda among the public. Furthermore, in February 2025, the Korean Astronomical Society issued a statement supporting the resolution adopted at the International Astronomical Union (IAU) General Assembly in August 2024, which recognizes the importance of DQS

protection and declares it as both a "right and mandate" for all astronomers.

Thus, ROK, acknowledging the need for both technical and policy discussions, as well as for cooperation among all stakeholders, has become the first Asian country to join the GoF, further solidifying our commitment to global efforts in this regard.

Chair,

Taking this opportunity, we would also like to express our sincere gratitude to the Chair of the Working Group on Long-term Sustainability of Space Activities, Mr. Umamaheswaran, and to the UNOOSA for their dedication to the work. The Republic of Korea attaches great importance to space sustainability and welcomes the progress made in establishing the open-source information repository to facilitate information sharing among COPUOS member states. This repository is expected to become a crucial tool in enhancing efforts to promote space sustainability in the years to come.

As the Working Group nears the conclusion of its activities, the Republic of Korea believes that successful preparation of a concrete and consensus-based final report, which will reflect the key tasks and outcomes of the group, will be a significant milestone in our ongoing efforts to improve space sustainability together with the international community.

Thank you.