

Statement to the United Nations Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space 68th Session, 25 June – 3 July 2025

Thank you, Chair. I am grateful for this opportunity to deliver this statement on behalf of For All Moonkind. We extend our sincere appreciation for your leadership and to the UNOOSA team for their continued, extraordinary work.

For All Moonkind is the only organization in the world focused on safeguarding human cultural heritage in outer space. Landing sites, like those of Luna, Apollo, Chang'e, Chandrayaan and SLIM are not just markers of technological achievement. They are touchstones of human history — silent, powerful reminders of our shared journey beyond Earth. These sites belong to all of us. They tell our human story — one of ambition, cooperation and imagination. They deserve protection.

Distinguished delegates, recognizing and safeguarding cultural heritage like these sites not only supports many of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, it is required by SDG 11.4 which specifically mandates that efforts to protect and safeguard the world's cultural and natural heritage must be strengthened. This duty must extend to humanity's milestones in space exploration, they are a part of our collective human legacy. This Committee, charged by the General Assembly to identify areas of international cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space, is uniquely positioned to lead the way.

Recognizing and safeguarding cultural heritage in outer space not only directly supports SDG 11.4, but multiple other SDGs. It inspires quality education (SDG 4), engaging youth in

STEM through stories that transcend borders. It encourages responsible stewardship (SDG 12), reminding us that cultural artifacts are not debris — but irreplaceable history. It strengthens peace and inclusivity (SDG 16) by honoring shared achievements. And it demands global partnership (SDG 17), bringing nations together to preserve our common past and shape a unified future.

By advocating for the protection of sites like Luna 2, Apollo 11, Chang'e 4, Chandrayaan-3 and SLIM, you can foster international collaboration, starting with transparent information-sharing. These actions will amplify the SDGs' impact, transforming space heritage into a catalyst for global cohesion and sustainable development on Earth. For All Moonkind, and its more than 100 volunteer space and heritage law experts, remains ready, willing and able to support the work of this Committee in all ways appropriate.

Distinguished delegates, you have an extraordinary – and unique – opportunity to fulfill SDG 11.4 by safeguarding humanity's space exploration milestones. By taking action, you will also inspire a world of learning and hope. It is in your power to ensure that our first steps beyond Earth are preserved — not just as artifacts of history, but as beacons for the future we choose to build together.

I thank you for your kind attention.