



Statement of the Arab Republic of Egypt
United Nations Committee on Peaceful Uses of Outer Space
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Agenda Item : General exchange of views

Mr. Chair,

Allow me at the outset to congratulate you for assuming the chairmanship of the 68th Session of COPUOS. I wish you all the best and assure you of our full support and cooperation.

Egypt fully aligns itself with the statements of the G77 and China as well as the Africa Group and would like to make the following remarks in its national capacity:

Egypt, through the Egyptian Space Agency made several important strides recently. Egypt **launched Earth observation satellites last year, which supports the implementation of SDGs not only in Egypt but also the African continent.** Egypt is currently planning for its first lunar mission in collaboration with Bahrain and China as part of the Chang'E-7 Mission. ***Egypt is the first African country to be part of this important milestone.***

Since 2022, the Egyptian Space agency is coordinating the **African Development Satellite Project** that gathers teams from Kenya, Uganda, Ghana, Sudan and Nigeria to develop a ***Hyperspectral Nanosatellite*** with ability to monitor the effect of climate change in Africa, which will be launched in the first quarter of 2026.

Most notably, the inauguration **of the African Space Agency** in Cairo this year is an important milestone for Africa that will further consolidate our efforts to realize the goals of the African Union Agenda 2063.



Egypt also played a pivotal role in providing capacity building programs and training sessions for African countries; through the *African Training Program* hosted by the Egyptian Space Agency

To enhance the interaction between public and private sector, the Egyptian Space Agency recently established a technology zone where private sector can make use of the facility available on the premises of the Egyptian Space City.

Mr Chair,

Egypt would like to highlight that the following points *which applies to this agenda item as well as other agenda items of this Committee:*

- 1- Egypt believes that any endeavour to explore and utilize outer space must adhere to the principles of the Outer Space Treaty, which include the principles of non-appropriation, benefit sharing, and equitable access to space activities and benefits. These principles should drive our discussions on emerging issues including the “Long Term Sustainability of Outer Space” as well as the “utilization of Space Resources” and “space traffic management”.
- 2- We reiterate that any regulation of outer space should aim at improving the outer space environment for the use of all states and should not, in any way, limit the full utilization of outer space activities and applications by any other state.
- 3- The sustainable use of outer space should place a special emphasis on capacity-building activities to bridge the huge divide between developed and developing countries in this domain and address the growing need to secure sufficient resources to this end. *We also underscore the continued relevance of the "Space2030" Agenda and its Implementation Plan and we call for an extension of its review.*
- 4- There is also a need to define and agree on possible emerging applications and efforts in utilization of space resources, particularly for the benefit of developing spacefaring nations, and while safeguarding their equal rights to benefit from Space and its resources.



- 5- Accordingly there is a need to establish innovative framework to consolidate the principle of benefit sharing in outer space. Egypt joins other developing countries to support the endeavours to arrive at a consensual and flexible international cooperation framework that incorporates different forms technical assistance and technology transfer to developing countries as part of the deliverables of UNISPACE IV.
- 6- Egypt reaffirms its firm stance on the importance of restricting the use of outer space for peaceful purposes and preventing placement of any weapons in outer space.
- 7- Egypt supports the UNOOSA flagship “Space for Women” program, and we stress the need to adhere to the vision of this program and avoid possible controversial and non-consensual terms that contravene the specific nature and vision of the program.
- 8- Egypt reiterates that any discussion on the future role as well as the methods of work of the Committee should be in accordance to the *rules of procedure of the UN General Assembly* and the governmental nature of this committee.

Thank you, Mr. Chair