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Statement by H. E. Ambassador Melita Župevc,
Permanent Representative of the Republic of Slovenia to the International Organisations in Vienna,
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of the United Nations Committee of the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space
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Mr. Chair,

Distinguished Delegates,

Allow me to begin by expressing Slovenia's sincere appreciation to you, Mr. Chair, for your leadership, and to extend our full support for your success in guiding the 68th session of this Committee. We also thank Ms. Aarti Holla-Maini, Director of the Office for Outer Space Affairs, for her dedicated efforts. The work of this Committee and the Office is essential to the continued progress of the global space community. Despite the challenges faced in organizing this session, we have once again demonstrated that through cooperation and solidarity, we can overcome obstacles and advance our shared goals.

First, let me say that Slovenia aligns itself fully with the statement delivered by the representative of the European Union. In addition, I would like to highlight a few points in my national capacity.

Slovenia remains a firm supporter of this Committee's work and reaffirms our commitment to being a responsible and constructive member of the international space community. Space and space technologies are critical tools for improving life on Earth, and multilateral, inclusive cooperation is vital for ensuring the peaceful, sustainable, and equitable use of outer space.

We view COPUOS and UNOOSA as the central platforms for global dialogue and decision-making in space affairs. In our view, some of the most pressing issues that deserve focused attention include space traffic management, space resources, and space debris. We are confident that UNISPACE IV will offer an opportunity to address these topics meaningfully and deliver concrete, actionable outcomes.

In this context, Slovenia strongly supports the creation of a dedicated group to consider the legal aspects of space traffic management. We believe a focused legal discussion will help safeguard the sustainability of our shared space environment for current and future generations.

Mr. Chair,

Slovenia congratulates Germany, the United Arab Emirates, and Peru for the successful organization of the World Space Forum 2024 in Bonn. We valued the opportunity to continue discussions related to the Pact for the Future, which we see as vital for enhancing international space governance.

We also commend the UAE for hosting the Artemis Accords workshop, and ESRIC, ESA, LSA, and LIST for another successful Space Resources Week.

Slovenia remains committed to active engagement and looks forward to meaningful outcomes from this session.

Thank you, Mr. Chair.