

**Abstracts of the speech at the Sixty-second session Legal Subcommittee of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (Vienna, 20–31 March 2023)**

*Delegation of Ukraine*

**Item 3. General exchange of views**

Distinguished delegates, Madam Chair,

First of all, we would like to congratulate you and thank you for chairing the 62-nd meeting of the Legal Subcommittee. We hope that the general exchange of views and discussion of current issues of the agenda will lead to significant results.

The Ukrainian delegation will be glad to dedicate its speeches to current issues and problems of international space law, Ukraine's position on the main issues on the agenda of the current session.

Ukraine fully supports and promotes the thesis that "space is the irreplaceable future of the entire human civilization, and therefore law and justice must be developed today for the future cohabitation of people in space."

Unfortunately, we must emphasize that despite the above, barbarism and ignorance have not gone anywhere in the modern culture of some States of our planet Earth.

February 24 is a terrible date for our country, when the Russian Federation, with the immediate support of the Republic of Belarus, launched an unprovoked and unjustified aggressive war against Ukraine. Since the beginning of the invasion, Russia has fired more than 5'000 missiles of various types on peaceful cities, towns and villages of Ukraine.

It must be stated that the terrorist state uses both conventional artillery and long-range ballistic missiles. This fact clearly proves that Russian cosmonautics has turned from a peaceful scientific program into an aggressive one, and therefore simply contradicts the name of the respected UN Committee.

It is obvious that the full-scale military invasion of Russia contradicts the values of the UN and the states that are its members today, and even other international organizations engaged in peaceful space exploration. The peaceful use of space has always been aimed at preserving people's lives and health. Instead, Russia chose a different path. Because of this, it is impossible to imagine how this state can have a positive influence on the solution of relevant issues of cosmic law, without understanding and insistently destroying the very concept of "LAW" as a value and property of humanity.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my deep gratitude to all states and peoples who support Ukraine in its struggle for freedom, independence and dignity against the Russian barbarians of the 21 century.

However, despite this, civilizational and intellectual progress cannot be stopped, no matter how much someone wants to turn their progress back.

Thank you for attention