



**G-77 AND CHINA STATEMENT DURING THE SIXTY-SECOND (62nd) SESSION
OF THE LEGAL SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE UNITED NATIONS COMMITTEE
ON THE PEACEFUL USES OF OUTER SPACE, FROM 20 – 31 MARCH 2023,
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AGENDA ITEM 8: CAPACITY-BUILDING IN SPACE LAW

Madam Chairperson,

1. Capacity-building, training and education in space law help to promote international development and cooperation in space activities, and assist in building national expertise and capacity in countries with emerging space capabilities. It also provides the means for a better understanding of the interdependent roles of science, technology and law in space activities.
2. In this connection, the Group believes that the successful implementation and application of the international legal framework governing space activities will depend on the understanding and acceptance, by policymakers and decision makers, of the legal framework governing the conduct of space activities. The presence of suitable professionals, in particular in developing countries, who are able to provide legal advice and disseminate information and knowledge relating to space law therefore relies on the availability of suitable opportunities for education in space law and policy.
3. The Group reiterates its view that the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space and its subsidiary bodies is a unique common platform for strengthening the capacity of States, in particular for developing countries. In this line, the Group encourages the Office for Outer Space Affairs to conduct targeted capacity-building, education and training in space law and policy, modelled upon the UN-SPIDER programme.
4. The Group also underscores the importance of appropriate funding to enable the Office to provide valuable support for developing countries, including through UNOOSA's capacity building programmes.

Thank you, Madam Chairperson.