

Indonesia
Agenda 7 : Future role and method of work of the Committee
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Mr. Chair,

Good afternoon, Chair and distinguished delegates,

Because this is the first time for our delegation to deliver a statement, allow me to echo others in congratulating you as the Chair of the Legal Subcommittee (LSC) for the second year. Rest assured of our full support to your leadership to achieve fruitful outcomes of this LSC meeting.

The Indonesian delegation associates itself with the Statement of G-77 and China and would also like to add the following statement in our national capacity.

Mr. Chair,

Our delegation takes note and welcomes the increasing number of member states and observers at the COPUOS Meeting. We would like to encourage other states to become members of COPUOS and encourage other states which are not yet parties to the Outer Space Treaty of 1967 to become parties. We welcome the UNOOSA Secretariat's work on the universalization of the Outer Space Treaty 1967 and increasing COPUOS membership.

My delegation acknowledges that we have many pending legal issues on our table. In our view, the increasing numbers of pending legal issues and their complexity show that outer space is becoming more important. We believe that the increasing numbers of pending issues and their complexity also show that many states desire to address the issue of outer space. We see the desire of member states to strengthen multilateralism and to gain a shared understanding on international norms, and to be involved in the codification and progressive development of outer space law.

Furthermore, our delegation would like to reiterate the need to have synergy in the work of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee (STSC) and the Legal Subcommittee (LSC).

Mr. Chair,

Allow us to express our appreciation for the work of ATLAC under the co-chair of Mr. Hasan Abbas (Pakistan) and Ms. Ulpia-Elena Botezatu (Romania). Allow us to reiterate the need to have integrated work by ATLAC that any discussion of ATLAC should not only pay attention to scientific and technical aspects of lunar exploration but also its legal aspects. We look forward to working together in finalizing the Workplan of the ATLAC (2025-2027/2028).

The Indonesian delegation would also like to express our appreciation to Professor Stephan Freeland of Australia for his leadership in the discussion in the Working Group of Space Resources. We thank Professor Freeland for the Note and its Annex of Initial Draft Set of Recommended Principles for Space Resource Activities prepared by the Vice-Chair of the Working Group on Legal Aspects of Space Resource Activities (Doc A/AC.105/C.2/L.339) and for holding several meetings in relation with the report. We are of the view that the Note and the Annex could be a basis for starting to negotiate a draft of Recommended Principles for Space Resource Activities.

Allow us also to extend our condolences to the Polish delegation for the passing of Ambassador Misztal, former Chair of the Working Group on Space Resources. His works

and contributions will be remembered as part and parcel of the codification and progressive development of outer space law.

Our comments regarding the detailed issues of the Initial Draft Set of Recommended Principles for Space Resource Activities will be provided in the related Agenda Item.

Furthermore, regarding Future Work of the Working Group on Space Resources, while we are continuing the discussion on Part 1 and Part 2 of the Initial Draft, we also need to identify other principles of international law that have not been captured in the Part I and Part II of the first Initial Draft.

Regarding UNISPACE IV, the Indonesian delegation would like to reiterate the need to have topics supporting the development of developing countries and reflect equal representation of speakers, including from non-space faring countries.

Regarding the issue of Space Traffic Management (STM), we acknowledge there are some informal consultations to move forward the discussions on the issue of STM. This delegation would like to extend our appreciation to the Government of Germany for initiating the discussion of the STM issue. We have read the document of Additional Text in support of the Proposal for a Study Group on Legal and Policy Aspects of Space Traffic at COPUOS LSC posted on the LSC website recently. We look forward to discussing the proposal to establish the Study Group on a view to have a possible governance of STM as mandated by the 2024 Pact of the Future.

I thank you.