



General Statement  
Delegation of the Republic of Indonesia

Agenda Item 3: General exchange of views

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Chair,

Excellencies, distinguished Delegates,

On behalf of the Government of the Republic of Indonesia, I would like to take this important opportunity to join others in congratulating and welcoming you as the Chair of this 64<sup>th</sup> LSC Session. We are confident that your wise and able leadership will enable us to manage our negotiations and bring them to a fruitful outcome.

We would like to express our appreciation to you and the Secretariat of UNOOSA for preparing this LSC Meeting.

My delegation associates itself with the statement of the Group of 77 and China. Furthermore, we would like to add the following remarks in our national capacity.

Chair,

My delegation also welcomes and takes note of the opening remarks of the Director of the Office for Outer Space Affairs, Ms. Aarti Holla-Maini. We also thank the Director for her report on the budgetary liquidation crisis.

My government attaches importance to enhancing international cooperation, including on capacity building and transfer of technology. Therefore, the Government of the Republic of Indonesia would like to request that the capacity building programme be maintained without reducing its quality and quantity. Online training could probably be an alternative in some cases, for efficiency purposes.

Chair,

While noting with appreciation the fruitful meeting of the previous 2024 LSC meeting and the decision of the 67<sup>th</sup> Session of the Committee, my delegation would like to express some views in this Session.

First, my delegation would like to restate that outer space shall be used and explored exclusively for peaceful purposes, maintaining peace and security and for the benefit of all humanity in accordance with international law, including the UN Charter, through cooperation and mutual understanding of member states and stakeholders.

Second, regarding the issue of definition and delimitation of outer space, my delegation is of the view that this topic should be maintained on the LSC Item Agenda. This issue is still a pending issue that is explicitly stated in the Treaty on Principles Governing the Activities of States in the Exploration and Use of Outer Space, including the Moon and Other Celestial Bodies. Furthermore, we believe that the issue of definition and delamination of outer space will also have a relationship with our work on Space Traffic Management (STM).

Third, about the Working Group on Space Resources, we note with appreciation the Note by the Vice-Chair of the Working Group on Legal Aspects of Space Resource Activities including its Annex on the Initial Draft Set of Recommended Principles for Space Resource Activities (Doc A/AC.105/C.2/L.339).

Our delegation would like to extend our deepest condolences for the passing of the former Chair of the Working Group, Ambassador Andrej Misztal of Poland. We congratulate Professor Steven Freeland of Australia as the new Chair. We hope there will be an opportunity for developing countries to be represented as the new Vice Chair of the Working Group.

Indonesia provided its contribution on elements for the initial draft through a verbal note dated 15 November 2024 as appeared on the website of the Working Group. Regarding our detailed inputs on the issues of initial draft sets of principles, they will be provided in the related Agenda Item.

Fourth, on the issue of the Action Team on Lunar Activities Consultation (ATLAC), my delegation would like to extend our appreciation to the co-chairs Mr. Hasan Abbas (Pakistan) and Ms. Ulpia-Elena Botezatu (Romania), and hopes that we could finalize the Workplan of the ATLAC (2025-2027/2028). We would like to suggest that ATLAC in its programme could discuss the cross-cutting issues of the scientific and technical aspects of lunar exploration, its legal aspects, and international cooperation.

Fifth, on the issue of Space Traffic Management (STM), we welcome any proposal to move forward the discussion, including the proposal of Germany, with a note that any form of negotiation forum in LSC is established to implement the mandate of the 2024 Pact of the Future, namely to create a legal framework on STM.

Sixth, on UNISPACE IV, my delegation would like to reiterate the need to have some topics on how to support outer space activities in the developing countries, particularly on space economy, and to have equal representation of speakers, especially from new and non-space faring countries.

Seventh, on the issue of GSO, my delegation believes that COPUOS has the authority to discuss various aspects of GSO. We would like to reiterate the need to create a sui generis law of GSO in order to guarantee equitable access to GSO, taking into account the needs and interests of developing countries, as well as the geographical position of certain countries.

Chair,

Allow me to update you on the development of our national legislation on outer space. The Government of the Republic of Indonesia is currently in the process of finalization of a national legal instrument on the establishment and operationalization of a space-port, which would be in line with Articles 6,7, 8 and 9 of the Outer Space Treaty 1967 and other international legal instruments on outer space, including the Liability Convention 1972.

Regarding international cooperation, allow me to inform you that the Government of the Republic of Indonesia is in the process of negotiating with the UNOOSA Secretariat to hold an international Workshop on GNSS in Indonesia in 2025. We would invite other member states and stakeholders to join the meeting.

The Government of the Republic of Indonesia would also like to express our sincere appreciation to COPUOS member states for the existing cooperation, especially on capacity building in legal matters. We thank the Government of China for inviting us to conduct a site visit to Beihang University while attending the International Conference on Space for Climate Change last April. Indonesia always welcomes any cooperation with all COPUOS member states and stakeholders.

Lastly, I would like to reiterate Indonesia's firm commitment to support the efforts of this Legal Subcommittee to further enhance legal cooperation and mutual understanding in the field of peaceful uses of outer space.

Thank you.

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