

**Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space**  
**Legal Subcommittee**  
Vienna, 5–16 May 2025

## **MOON VILLAGE ASSOCIATION STATEMENT**

### **Agenda Item 3: General Exchange of view**

Mister Chair, Distinguished Delegates,

It is an honour for the Moon Village Association, as an Observer member, to address this session of the Legal Sub-Committee.

As the MVA Delegation takes the floor for the first time, we would like to congratulate you for the second year as Chair of this subcommittee. Under your wise leadership, important results were achieved in 2024 and this session will reach fruitful results. My delegation would also like to extend its gratitude to the Director of UNOOSA, Dr. Aarti Holla-Maini, and her team for the excellent operation of this meeting.

MVA would like to remember Ambassador, Andrzej Misztal, for his great work as Chair of the Space Resources Working Group

We would like to welcome the creation of the African Space Agency, hosted by the Egyptian Space Agency. as an important step towards more integration of African countries in space activities.

Mister Chair,

In 2024, MVA has carried out many activities. I will summarize just a few of them, while more can be found on our website: [\[www.moonvillageassociation.org\]](http://www.moonvillageassociation.org) and in the Annual Report

MVA has created in 2021 a neutral forum for multi-stakeholder discussions on lunar exploration and utilization: The *Global Expert Group on Sustainable Lunar Activities* or GEGSLA. GEGSLA, published in 2023 the “*Recommended Framework and Key elements for Peaceful and Sustainable Lunar Activities*” and its Annexes.

Since January 2023, GEGSLA initiated its Operational Phase, engaging over 200 experts from more than 40 countries. Details of the activities are included in the CRP19 and the 2024. The annual report is available on the GEGSLA website. Delegations and observers not yet involved are welcome to join and support the Group.

MVA, together with IAU, COSPAR and IAA, considers urgent the issue of Defining and Protecting Lunar Sites of Special Scientific Interest to balance the scientific and commercial activities. At the last STSC, MVA issued the CRP18 as well organized a relevant side event. A brainstorming call with Delegations was held in April to discuss the way forward. Delegations interested in this topic are invited to contact the MVA Delegation.

MVA and GEGSLA welcome and support the creation of the United Nations Action Team on Lunar Activities Consultation (ATLAC) as this should be the focal point for any future consultation on Lunar Activities. GEGSLA is ready to support ATLAC, when required

In 2024, the 8<sup>th</sup> Global Moon Village Workshop & Symposium was successfully held in Luxembourg, hosted by the Luxembourg Space Agency. This event attracted participation from over 150 individuals and Industry from all the world.

In 2025, the 9th Global Moon Village Workshop & Symposium is scheduled to be held in Turin, Italy on December 3 and 4 December. This event will be hosted by Italian Association of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIDAA) and the Council of European Aerospace Society (CEAS)

Mister Chair,

The third International Moon Day took place in July 2024 with the involvement of more than 40 countries for global events. The main event took place on 20 July in Harbin, China. This was hosted by the Harbin Institute of Technology and the Chinese Society of Astronautics. Details of the events are included in the CRP 19. The annual report is also available on the IMD website [<https://internationalmoonday.org/international-moon-day-2024-annual-report/>]

The International Moon Day 2025 is themed “One Moon, one vision, one future”, this reflects the united ambition to explore, innovate and create a sustainable future together. The main events, is set to take place in Dubai, UEA on July 20, 2025, in cooperation with the University of Dubai

We cordially invite all members and observers of the Legal Subcommittee to participate in this important event. Events registration, sponsorship opportunities, and other relevant information can be found on the IMD website,

The Moon Village Association has recently completed the Benefit Sharing project, this is very relevant for establishing fair Space Resources utilization. Details of this project can be found in the CRP19. A technical presentation took place on May 9

Thank you for your attention,

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