



Statement by the Kingdom of Morocco, delivered by

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Mr. Chair,

1. Allow me first to express to you, **Mr. Santiago Ripol Carulla of Spain** the sincere gratitude of my delegation for your exemplary leadership as Chair of the 63rd session of Legal Subcommittee. My delegation wishes to reaffirm its commitment to providing you its full support throughout this session.
2. My delegation commends Ms. Aarti Hola Maani for her opening statement and for her remarkable commitment and expresses its gratitude to the dedicated Secretariat staff for their remarkable efforts in ensuring the effective organization of the proceedings of this session.
3. My delegation associates itself with the statements of the G77 and China, as well as the African Group, and would like to make the following comments on its national capacity.

Mr. Chair,

4. **Morocco remains committed to the principles of the 1967 Treaty, ensuring fair and rational use of outer space, non-appropriation, and non-militarization, including the moon and celestial bodies**, and believes that peaceful use of Outer Space is crucial for long-term sustainability of outer space activities, expressing our commitment to responsible and sustainable space activities in the short and long term.
5. In this respect, **Morocco commends the dedicated work undertaken by COPUOS and its two Subcommittees, particularly the Legal Subcommittee, to maintain the sustainability of outer space activities through the establishment of long-term sustainability guidelines for space activities. These guidelines, shall I recall, constitute an important non-legally binding instrument of the United Nations, governing the international space activities which involves new actors, and raises complex issues.**
6. **Morocco believes that international cooperation is the most effective path forward to fully exploit space potential, particularly in resource monitoring, disaster management, and ensuring equitable access to space technologies.** In this regard, Morocco reiterates its commitment to all initiatives aimed at fostering international cooperation and promoting the responsible use of outer space for the benefit of all humanity.
7. **In this connection, Morocco in its capacity as the Chair of the upcoming COPUOS would like to thank along with Italy, all the delegations for their support of the Conference Room Paper on UNISPACE IV(A/AC.105/C.1/2025/CRP.4/Rev.2) and their adoption of the recommendation of UNISPACEIV, included in the Report of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee on its sixty-second session, last February.**
8. We look forward for an instructive and Fruitful consultations during this 64th session of the Legal Subcommittee, in order to adopt recommendation to be submitted to COPUOS at its 68th session during June. Morocco believes that **the organization of UNISPACE IV would be a timely and valuable undertaking. Such a significant international forum would offer a crucial opportunity to address evolving challenges and promote collaboration across diverse aspects of space activities**, from sustainable utilization to the ethical implications of novel technologies. We believe that UNISPACE IV would serve as an important platform for fostering a shared understanding and advancing the peaceful and beneficial exploration and exploitation of space for all nations.

Mr. Chair,

9. **As an active participant in the global space community, Morocco has registered several space objects, notably the Mohammed VI-A and Mohammed VI-B satellites launched in 2017 and 2018, as well as the UM5EO and UM5 Ribat nanosatellites launched in 2024, as part of its space research program.** Regarding this achievement, it's worth mentioning that small satellites represent a technological evolution bringing significant advantages in terms of the exploration and exploitation of outer space, particularly for developing countries.

10. In the same context and in accordance with its international commitments, Morocco has designated the Royal Centre for Remote Sensing as the focal point for the registration of Moroccan space objects according to the rules and procedures of the United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs, asserting that this function holds critical importance in guaranteeing the traceability of space objects and ensuring their conformity with international law, thus contributing to the secure and responsible governance of space.
11. This achievement as well as **Morocco's initiatives through its strategic development plans indicate very clearly that our country has made space technology tools a real asset and a strategic lever within the framework of the socio-economic development of our country.**

Mr. Chair,

12. Morocco considers that strengthening the legal aspect of the exploitation, exploration and use of space, through enhanced international cooperation and collaboration is crucial for fostering the sustainable development of space-related activities. In this regard, **Morocco has contributed to the various working groups of this subcommittee, particularly those concerning the exploitation and the utilization of space resources, the legal aspects of traffic management, and the application of international law to small satellite activities.**
13. At the regional level, it's worth mentioning that **cooperation with African countries is a fundamental pillar in the Moroccan national strategy for the development of space activities.** Regarding its dedication to this objective, **Morocco was elected member of the African Space Council of "the African Space Agency" during the 44th Ordinary Session of the Executive Council of the African Union in February 2024.**
14. Within this regional approach, **Morocco remains committed to fostering knowledge and understanding of Space law and space policy at the African Regional Center for Space Sciences and Technologies in French CRAFT-LF affiliated to the UN, which is located in Rabat, offering ongoing support for these endeavors.**
15. As a part of Morocco's involvement in all activities initiated at the African level, CRAFT-LF has been instrumental in capacity building through its Master's program in Space Science and Technology since 2000. **Indeed in 2024, the Master's program welcomed 89 students from 10 French-speaking nations.** This ongoing commitment highlights CRAFT-LF's dedication to advancing space capacity building within Africa.
16. In this context, CRAFT-LF has developed an online training platform, making its educational resources accessible to all African countries, and is currently collaborating with the Network of Regional Centres and UNOOSA to further refine its postgraduate curriculum, thus improving access to quality space education across Africa.

Mr. Chair,

17. Morocco remains convinced that the multiplication and organization of events focused on jurisdiction and space policies for the benefit of all countries, especially African states, is crucial for promoting State's adherence to the five Treaties governing outer space and for establishing a comprehensive national space law.
18. In its capacity as the incoming Chair of the COPUOS, Morocco wishes to convey its firm dedication to support the successful conduct of this session, guided by the Vienna consensus spirit that has consistently prevail during our proceedings.

Thank you

