



Statement by Slovenia,

**64th Session of the Legal Sub-Committee of the United Nations Committee of the
Peaceful Uses of Outer Space,**

Agenda Item 3: General exchange of views (Vienna, 5 May 2025)

CHECK AGAINST DELIVERY!

Mr. Chair,

Distinguished Delegates,

Slovenia aligns itself with the statement delivered by the representative of the European Union. In addition, I would like to take this opportunity to emphasize a few points in my national capacity.

First, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to you, Mr. Chair, for your leadership and to extend my best wishes for your success in guiding the 64th session of this Subcommittee. I would also like to thank Ms. Aarti Holla-Maini, Director of the Office for Outer Space Affairs, for her outstanding leadership in advancing global space initiatives and her unwavering commitment to supporting all spacefaring nations around the world.

Slovenia remains steadfast in its support for the work of this Subcommittee, and my delegation reaffirms our commitment to being a responsible and active participant in the global space community. As many delegations have rightly acknowledged, COPUOS and its subcommittees serve as the central fora for the development of legal frameworks governing space activities. It is vital that all of us contribute constructively to these discussions, with the shared goal of ensuring the safety, sustainability, and resilience of outer space, and by extension, the well-being of our planet. The decisions we make today will shape the future of space exploration and utilization for generations to come, and it is our collective responsibility to ensure that the benefits of outer space are accessible to all, everywhere.

In recent years, Slovenia's space sector has gained significant visibility and has become increasingly active. This progress was driven in part by our involvement with the European Space Agency, but it was only made possible by the recognition from our government of the immense value that space exploration brings to the advancement of human development here on Earth. I am proud to say that space exploration has now become a national priority for Slovenia, with the aim of harnessing its potential to improve the quality of life for our citizens and for humanity at large.

In an era characterized by escalating global challenges, Slovenia firmly believes that international cooperation and a multilateral approach are indispensable to advancing the global space sector. We wholeheartedly welcome initiatives that contribute to the peaceful exploration of space for the benefit of all humankind. As a testament to our commitment to multilateralism, Slovenia became a signatory of the Artemis Accords in April of last year, further affirming our dedication to fostering international collaboration in space exploration.

When we speak of a multilateral approach, we view UNOOSA and COPUOS as central to addressing the most pressing issues within the current space environment, with one of the foremost challenges being Space Traffic Management (STM). Since our presidency of the European Union in 2021, Slovenia has consistently recognized STM as a critical issue on the global space agenda. In this regard, we strongly support the creation of a dedicated working group to address the legal aspects of STM and to ensure that our shared space environment remains safe and sustainable for all users.

Mr. Chair, distinguished delegates,

We look forward to the upcoming IISL/ECSL Colloquium and warmly welcome the contributions of Permanent Observers to the work of this Committee. We also look forward to a continued discussion on the organization of UNISPACE IV and agreement on the organizational matters and expected outcomes of this important event. We should build on the achievements of Pact for the Future and acknowledge the necessity of creating new structures to address the most urgent concerns.

My delegation remains committed to engaging in fruitful discussions and looks forward to achieving meaningful outcomes during this session.

Gracias, Señor Presidente