

**VIET NAM - Item 3. General exchange of views**  
**Statement by H.E. Mr. VU Le Thai Hoang**  
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**of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam**  
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*Chair, Distinguished Delegates,*

As this is the first time the Viet Nam Delegation is taking the floor, please allow me to extend our congratulations to you, Mr. Chair, on your appointment. Viet Nam assures you of our full support during this important session.

*Mr. Chair,*

Viet Nam attaches great importance to the work of this Legal Subcommittee in fostering the peaceful, safe, and sustainable use of outer space through the development of international legal norms. We continue to uphold and implement our international obligations under the United Nations space treaties to which Viet Nam is a State Party, including the Outer Space Treaty<sup>1</sup> and the Rescue Agreement<sup>2</sup>.

Over the past decade, Viet Nam has made steady progress in building a national legal and policy framework to support the development of its space activities. Our national strategy for space technology development to 2030 emphasizes the peaceful use of outer space for socio-economic development, technological innovation, and environmental monitoring. Viet Nam recognizes the importance of a strong legal foundation to regulate and facilitate these growing activities. We are currently taking steps toward drafting a comprehensive national space law that reflects our international commitments and best practices.

Viet Nam has actively engaged in international cooperation in space law and policy, particularly through its participation in initiatives under the United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs (UNOOSA). We are grateful for the opportunity to attend and contribute to regional capacity-building efforts, including the **Regional Space Law Technical Advisory Mission held in Tokyo, Japan, in January 2024**. This mission allowed our delegates to exchange views and experiences with experts and peers in the region, enhancing our understanding of legal principles governing outer space activities.

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<sup>1</sup> 1967 Treaty on Principles Governing the Activities of States in the Exploration and Use of Outer Space, including the Moon and Other Celestial Body

<sup>2</sup> 1968 Agreement on the Rescue of Astronauts, the Return of Astronauts and the Return of Objects Launched into Outer Space

As part of the *Space Law for New Space Actors* project, several technical advisory missions have been successfully conducted in the Asia-Pacific region. Examples include missions to Thailand and the Philippines in 2024, highlighting cooperation under this important initiative and demonstrating the benefits of legal support to emerging space actors. These missions, made possible through the generous support of the **Government of Japan**, have significantly contributed to regional efforts in strengthening legal capacities for emerging space actors.

Building on these successes, Viet Nam is pleased to inform the Subcommittee that, with the support of UNOOSA and the continued funding of the Government of Japan, we will host a **Space Law Technical Advisory Mission in Ha Noi in November 2025**. This mission will provide tailored legal advisory services to assist Viet Nam in developing its national space law and regulatory framework. We view this as a critical milestone in our ongoing efforts to ensure that our national legal structures are in line with international obligations and best practices, and that our space activities remain safe, sustainable and responsible.

Furthermore, Viet Nam is considering the opportunity to **host the United Nations Workshop on the Applications of Global Navigation Satellite Systems (GNSS) in the third or fourth quarter of 2025**. Viet Nam has formally expressed our interest to the UNOOSA Secretariat in writing and anticipates a collaborative effort with all relevant partners to make this workshop a reality. We believe that hosting this workshop would enhance capacity-building and regional cooperation in the peaceful and practical application of space-based positioning, navigation, and timing technologies.

*Mr. Chair,*

On this occasion, we would like to extend our sincere appreciation to **UNOOSA** for its continued support and to the **Government of Japan** for its valuable contribution to this initiative. We are confident that this upcoming mission will strengthen Viet Nam's capacity to meet the legal challenges of space activities and contribute to the shared goals of this Subcommittee.

Viet Nam reaffirms its commitment to the peaceful use of outer space and stands ready to work collaboratively with all Member States toward a sustainable and inclusive space future.

Thank you, Mr. Chair.