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Intersputnik International Organization of Space Communications, Item 4*“Information on the activities of international intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations relating to space law”*64th session of the UN COPUOS LSC (Vienna, 5–16 May 2025)*Mr. Chair,*

Thank you for giving me the floor.

Distinguished Delegates,

It is my privilege to make this statement on behalf of the Intersputnik International Organization of Space Communications.

Since its establishment in 1971, Intersputnik has been tasked to facilitate cooperation in design, development and operation of a communication system via satellites. Today, Intersputnik brings together Member States from Africa, Americas, Asia and Europe, and satellite industry organizations designated by Member States as Signatories. In cooperation with its Members and Signatories, as well as other governmental and non-governmental organizations, Intersputnik is engaged in space law-related activities.

As a multilingual organization, Intersputnik is fully committed to promoting linguistic diversity, which strengthens accessibility and capacity-building. One example of Intersputnik’s efforts in this area is collaboration with a fellow COPUOS permanent observer, Secure World Foundation, on translating the COPUOS Briefing Book into French, Russian and Spanish. The purpose of this collaboration is to provide a wide range of stakeholders with information on COPUOS as the main global forum for the development of international space law.

As a member of the International Astronautical Federation, Intersputnik took part in the International Astronautical Congress held in October 2024, which included a speaking opportunity at the colloquium on the law of outer space. In November 2024, Intersputnik made presentations at the Symposium on Developments in Space Communications, organized by the Asia-Pacific Space

Cooperation Organization, the University of Sharjah and the Arab Union for Astronomy and Space Sciences. In the same year, Intersputnik traditionally joined global activities within the annual World Space Week.

Intersputnik has always been a proponent of ensuring space sustainability. In addition to being involved in the proceedings of the Working Group on the Long-term Sustainability of Outer Space Activities, Intersputnik took part in the first Space Sustainability Forum organized by the International Telecommunication Union in September 2024. Intersputnik has also been contributing to drafting the Handbook on best practices for the sustainable use of frequencies and associated non-geostationary orbits, which is being developed under the aegis of the ITU Radiocommunication Sector.

As Intersputnik's main focus within space activities is satellite communications, Intersputnik is always eager to share experience in this area. This includes holding own events, such as the NatSatTel annual conference, which took place in June 2024 and was dedicated to innovative technologies and services in the satellite industry. In the same month, Intersputnik held an industry workshop to discuss recent developments and trends in satellite communications at the global, regional and national levels. These topics are also covered in the regular newsletters and analytical reviews Intersputnik sends out to its Members and Signatories.

Among the global priorities to which Intersputnik contributes through its work is youth empowerment. To promote active participation of talented young people in space-related events, Intersputnik financially supported the attendance, by young professionals from its Member States, of the 2024 International Astronautical Congress in Italy and the ITU Global Youth Summit held earlier this year in Cuba. At the Congress sidelines, Intersputnik arranged a series of lectures for its young attendees, including on the fundamentals of international space law.

Yet another focus of space law capacity-building efforts of Intersputnik is offering young professionals from Member States an opportunity to intern at the International Legal Service of Intersputnik, where they can learn about the development of international space law, as well as its application in practice.

Mr. Chair, Distinguished Delegates,

I thank you for your kind attention.