

Agenda item 3. General exchange of views

Statement by the delegation of Romania.

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Mr. Chairman, distinguished Ambassador Santiago Ripol Carulla of Spain, let me congratulate you on behalf of the Delegation of Romania on your chairmanship and convey the full support of my delegation for the successful accomplishment of your mandate.

We warmly welcome and congratulate the UNOOSA Director, Ms. Aarti Holla-Maini for her role in the achievements of the United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs, and for her crucial leadership, as we navigate the evolving challenges and opportunities in space.

It is with great regret that we learned of the passing of our distinguished colleague, Ambassador Andrzej Misztal, and would like to take this opportunity to convey our condolences to the delegation of Poland and through them to his family.

Distinguished delegates, Romania reaffirms its commitment to multilateralism in space affairs. Our delegation is dedicated to upholding the principles of the Outer Space Treaty and ensuring that space activities are conducted for the benefit of all humanity.

Romania reaffirms also its strong support for COPUOS and its Subcommittees, recognizing these as essential platforms for fostering international collaboration in the peaceful uses of outer space. We acknowledge the significant role of UNOOSA in supporting these efforts.

As an active member of both the European Union and the European Space Agency, Romania participates in all major space programs and initiatives on Science and Exploration, Human Spaceflight, Safety and Security, Earth Observation, Telecommunications and Integrated Applications, Navigation, and Space transportation. In the same time, the delegation of Romania fully aligns itself with the statement of the European Union at this recent session.

We are also keen to contribute to the discussions on the legal aspects of space resources utilization. Romania encourages a constructive dialogue to ensure that such activities are carried out in a manner that benefits all countries and preserves the space environment for future generations.

We also support the proposal made by Germany for the establishment of a Study Group on Perspectives for Space Traffic Management within the UN COPUOS.

We welcome and support the ongoing consultations towards UNISPACE IV in 2027, which presents a timely opportunity to consolidate global governance mechanisms, enhance space sustainability, and advance space-based solutions tailored to the needs of developing nations, ensuring that space activities continue to serve the peaceful benefit of all humankind. In the same time, the Romanian delegation is concerned about the financial limitations imposed by the reduced budget of UN OOSA, and the effect of these limitations on the volume and quality of activities carried out by OOSA in the context of the significant increase in cosmic activities worldwide and their impact on society.

In line with our commitment to fostering international cooperation for the peaceful exploration and sustainable use of outer space, Romania is proud to co-chair the Action Team on Lunar Activities Consultation (ATLAC) within the framework of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space with the goal to establish an international consultative mechanism on sustainable lunar activities to facilitate addressing numerous operational issues facing future missions, to share best practices and lessons learned, building capabilities, and identifying common needs and concerns of lunar operators.

This initiative reflects Romania's proactive stance on supporting multilateral discussions that advance the sustainable exploration of the Moon, ensuring that space remains a domain for peaceful activities and scientific advancement for all humanity.

To further continue the work within ATLAC and gather valuable feedback, we cordially invite all delegations to join us for informal consultations, looking forward to engaging in constructive discussions and working collaboratively to refine and advance this proposal.

In conclusion, my delegation looks forward to engaging constructively in the discussions of this Subcommittee and working together towards our common goals.

Thank you.