

Statement by Norway to the 62nd session of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee – agenda item 6 (a): Matters relating to the definition and delimitation of outer space

Chair,

In accordance with the recommendations of the Working Group on the Definition and Delimitation of Outer Space of the Legal Subcommittee (A/AC.105/1285, Annex II, paras. 8 and 9), Norway has submitted a paper on matters relating to the definition and delimitation of outer space (A/AC.105/C.2/2025/CRP.21). The paper briefly summarises Norway's practice and *opinio juris* with regard to certain key issues discussed under that part of the agenda.

From the perspective of Norway, the pace of technological development currently ongoing, and the increased involvement of non-state actors, such as private commercial entities, can be expected to lead to more activity at higher altitudes in the future. Increased activity and ambition raise the question of the need for adequate State regulation in order to ensure safe and reliable airspace operations and to maintain appropriate regard for the safety and security of States, populations and other protected interests.

The paper addresses the issue of the vertical extent of sovereign airspace under applicable international law, as well as the question of transit passage through sovereign airspace for space objects or other objects.

Norway hope that our submission will be read with interest by other member states and the working group.

Thank you Chair