

Statement on Agenda Item 7: Future Role and Method of Work of the Committee

Thank you, Chair,

Czechia welcomes the recent improvements to the Committee's working methods, particularly the introduction of time limits for speakers, which has contributed to more efficient and focused discussions.

Looking ahead, we believe that further streamlining of the agenda is needed in order to allow the legal subcommittee to address emerging challenges in the future. In this regard, we support the proposal made by the Netherlands to merge and streamline agenda items 9 on space debris mitigation, agenda item 11 on space traffic management, and agenda item 12 on small-satellite activities together with large constellations as these topics are closely interconnected, and discussing them together would allow for a more holistic exchange of views.

Additionally, we support the proposal made by Canada to remove agenda item 6(a) on the definition and delimitation of outer space, as well as the agenda item 6(b) on the character and utilization of the geostationary orbit. As demonstrated in the recent Working Group on the definition and delimitation of outer space meeting, there was no request from delegations to discuss the topic, indicating that these items have been thoroughly addressed and may now be considered exhausted.

Czechia believes that these adjustments will enable the legal subcommittee to focus its efforts on the most pressing and relevant issues regarding the legal aspects of the peaceful uses of outer space.

Thank you, Chair.