

Thailand's statement
on Agenda Item 4: General exchange of views
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Mr. Chairman, (H.E. Mr. Juan Francisco Facetti Fernandez, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Republic of Paraguay)

Excellencies,

Distinguished Delegates,

First of all, on behalf of Thailand's delegation, I wish to sincerely congratulate you on your election as the Chairperson of the 59th session of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space. Please rest assured of our Delegation's full support and cooperation. I also wish to thank the outgoing Chairperson, Dr. Natália Archinard of Switzerland for her dedication and hard work, Madam Director Simonetta Di Pippo and the entire team for their hard works on the preparation of this meeting.

My Delegation associates itself with the statement delivered by the Ambassador of Morocco on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, and wishes to add the following remarks in our national capacity.

My delegation warmly welcomes Angola, Bangladesh, Kuwait, Panama and Slovenia as the new members of the Committee and look forward to working closely with them. This growing number of COPOUS membership reflects the greater interests and recognition of the roles and functions of COPOUS and its subcommittees.

Thailand notes with satisfaction that the Committee continues to provide substantive contributions to promote the peaceful uses of outer space for peace, security, and development. We support the Committee's works to advance international cooperation in space exploration and space technology applications to implement the 2030 Agenda and to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals.

In this regard, Thailand wishes to support the proposal made by the Austria's delegation that a reference to the valuable contribution of the UNOOSA to the UN system be included into the Ministerial Declaration of the High-Level Political Forum this year.

Thank you.
