

Agenda Item 12: Long-term Sustainability of Outer Space Activities

Republic of Korea

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Thank you, Mr. Chair.

As an active space faring nation, the Republic of Korea prioritizes efforts to ensure safe and sustainable space activities and will actively participate in the development of related international norms.

The Subcommittee has given birth to many important achievements for the safe and sustainable use of outer space, including, inter alia, the Guidelines for the Long-term Sustainability of Outer Space Activities adopted in 2019. And we welcome the progress made by the Working Group and thank the Chair of the Working Group as well as the Office for their able leadership. We especially welcome the workshop to be held in 2024. Korea looks forward to take an active role in the upcoming workshop. We would like to share our experiences as an emerging space faring nation and listen to lessons learned from other States' experiences. This process will help us reflect the LTS Guidelines in our new comprehensive legal framework and policies.

As a co-sponsor of the guidelines, we fully support the adopted guidelines and their implementation. After almost a decade of long negotiations, it is now essential to implement the agreed-upon guidelines to build transparency and confidence.

We prioritize Part A. Policy and regulatory framework for space activities in evolving our laws and systems. Recent amendments to our Space Development Promotion Act for safer space activities show our

government's efforts to further consider the international obligations and recommendations.

We are also continuously upgrading our Space Situational Awareness to detect, track and identify space objects. These efforts will result in the enhanced transparency and safety of our space operations which is the base of ensuring long-term sustainability of outer space activities. Ms. Choi EunJung, our expert from Korea Astronomy and Space Science Institute delivered the technical presentation last Friday.

Lastly, we are taking full advantage of our LTS Guidelines Research Group. With the analysis result of the Research Group, we are sharing the best practices of the implementation of the LTS Guidelines, thus raising awareness of the related ministries and agencies.

Once again, We hope for a fruitful and substantive discussion.
Thank you.

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