

Item Agenda 12 : Future Role and method of work the Committee
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Chair, distinguished delegates,

Indonesia takes note that several activities organized within the framework of the UNOOSA post COVID-9 continue to take place in a hybrid format. Indonesia hopes that a hybrid format could be maintained for UNPSA program activities, as well as technical presentation in the session meetings, and capacity building and sharing information programme.

Indonesia supports the order and sequent method of work of the COPUOS. My delegation welcomes that during the meeting representatives of Group of States and states are allowed to speak first followed by observers.

Chair,

My delegation welcomes the launching of the "UNOOSA Space Bridge, Where Leaders Meet" initiated by the Director of the United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs, Aarti Holla-Maini, at World Space Forum 2023. We hope that the goals and focus of this platform can be achieved, placing space technology and applications not only as an enabler, but also a driver to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and space sustainability for the benefit of all states.

We look forward to discussing this platform to develop mutual understanding on space issues between global space stakeholders in accordance with international laws.

Madam Chair,

This delegation observes closely the discussions on the issue of Dark and Quiet Skies and Large Constellations. Indonesia supports the idea to establish a new agenda item on Dark and Quiet Skies and Large Constellations to be proposed at the 77th session of COPUOS 2024. We wish to see it as a new Item Agenda of STSC 2025.

Regarding the Title, we suggest to have a broad and general terms. Considering this is a relatively new item agenda, we believe that we should avoid a too prescriptive Title that will make our life more difficult. It is much better to have a broad title which could allow member states to develop the scope.

Furthermore, we believe that the scope could be a non-exhaustive list taking into account member states' proposal. Indonesia would like to request capacity building, sharing best practices and raising awareness as art of the scope.

Regarding the duration, our position is minimum 3 (three) years.

We urge member states to find a middle ground and common dominator on this issue by showing our flexibility based on Vienna Spirit.

Allow me now to turn to our national plan on Dark and Quite Sky.

Based on the International Astronomical Union' (IAU) 2009 Resolution B5 as attached in document A/AC.105/2017/CRP.24, Indonesia believes that dark skies must be preserved and protected as one of the world's cultural and natural heritage.

Indonesia is in the same vein with others that the preservation and protection of dark skies in certain areas could guarantee people's right to observe stars. Moreover, the preservation of dark sky areas is useful to the dissemination of astronomy science.

My Government is currently developing the concept of Astro-tourism involving local governments and communities, through socialization, education, and spatial planning of the dark sky park conservation area and radio silence. This socialization is also assisted by communities that help to preserve the dark sky and at the same time educate people through astronomy. The dissemination programme is conducted for school children.

Indonesia is in the process of establishing Timau National Observatory village. We hope this village, a special area, could be a national conservation area equipped with a high technology. We believe that the establishment of such village will enable us to secure the Timau National Observatory and its surrounding area, potentially up to 15 km, from light exposure and radio interference.

Madam Chair,

As stated in the technical presentation of one of Indonesian delegates entitled "Indonesia's Astronomical Observatory: A Novel Global Platform for Space Research Enhancing Peaceful Applications and Space Situational Awareness" on 31 January 2024, we welcome any possible collaboration on the issue of Dark and Quite Sky in the future.

Thank you.