

Agenda Item 12: Future role and method of work of the Committee

Republic of Korea

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Thank you, Mr. Chair.

The Republic of Korea reaffirms its unwavering support for the protection of Dark and Quiest Sky for Science and Society, a commitment clearly expressed during the last COPUOS meeting in 2023.

We strongly believe that safeguarding Dark and Quiet Sky from satellite constellations is a critical mission that COPUOS should fully embrace. This protection serves not only to advance astronomical and space research but also to preserve our invaluable cultural heritages. To this end, the Korea Astronomy and Space Science Insitute has actively participated in the discussions of the Center for the Protection of Dark and Quiet Sky from Satellite Interference since September 2022.

The Republic of Korea supports the adoption of ‘Dark and Quiet Sky Protection’ as a central agenda item for COPUOS and the formation of expert group, as proposed by numerous esteemed members of COPUOS in 2023.

Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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