



General Statement  
Delegation of the Republic of Indonesia

Agenda Item 4: General exchange of views and introduction of reports submitted on national activities.

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Chair,  
Excellencies, distinguished Delegates,

On behalf of the Government of the Republic of Indonesia, I join others in welcoming you as Chair of this 61<sup>st</sup> session and for 2024–2025 sessions. I believe your wise and able leadership would enable us to negotiate scientific and technical issues of peaceful uses of outer space.

We also thank Ambassador Juan Francisco Facetti of Paraguay for Chairing the 2022–2023 STSC sessions.

My delegation also welcomes the new Director of the Office for Outer Space Affairs, Ms. Aarti Holla-Maini. Let me assure you of my Government's full support and cooperation.

We also thank the UNOOSA Secretariat for their hard work in preparing this meeting.

Chair,

My delegation associates itself with the statement delivered by Ambassador Ahmad Khokher, Permanent Representative of Pakistan, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China. We would like to add the following remarks in our national capacity.

My delegation would like to reiterate that outer space should be used and explored exclusively for peaceful purposes, maintaining peace and security and benefiting all humanity in accordance with international law, including the UN Charter, through cooperation and mutual understanding of member states and stakeholders.

Therefore, Indonesia prioritizes international cooperation, including capacity building and transfer of technology. We believe that international cooperation should be inclusive, taking into account various technological levels, especially those of non-spacefaring nations, and involving developing countries.

Chair,

While noting with appreciation the positive outcomes of the last 60<sup>th</sup> Session of STSC, my delegation would like to express some views in this Session.

First, we thank OOSA, for facilitating Indonesia's participation in the UN Programme on Space Applications events in 2023. We also hope that OOSA can maintain the hybrid format for capacity building programs.

Second, with regard to the Space-system-based disaster management support, last year Indonesia renewed the MoU on cooperation with OOSA. This allows our National Research and Innovation Agency to continue providing space-based data and information services as the Indonesia-RSO of UNSPIDER.

Third, Indonesia supports discussion on the implementations of LTS Guidelines for the new multi-year work plan 2022-2026, including our full supports to the Workshop of the Working Group on the Long-term Sustainability of Outer Space Activities in this 61<sup>st</sup> Session.

Fourth, Indonesia fully supports the next NPS Working Group's work program. The discussion should be inclusive with the involvement of the IAEA and countries that have experiences in using nuclear-fission-reactor, and new types and radio isotopes power systems. We believe that the use of NPS in outer space should always be safeguarded, supervised and monitored to ensure safety, security and responsible use of outer space in a peaceful manner.

Fifth, my delegation restates our view that the Geostationary Orbit (GSO) is a limited natural resource with strategic and economic value for the states. Thus, the GSO should be utilized in a rational, balanced, efficient, and equitable manner in accordance with international law to avoid saturation risk. We recommend UNCOPUOS to consider a special GSO governance due to this risk.

We believe UNCOPUOS has the authority to discuss various aspects of GSO. We hope this subcommittee can reach a decision to guarantee and equitable GSO access for developing countries, taking into account their needs and interests, as well as the geographical position.

Chair,

Allow me to share some of Indonesian's outer space activities in 2023, namely the launching of Nusantara-3 (SATRIA-1) satellite, to support the development of digital transformation in Indonesia. We also enhanced our international cooperation, by signing MoU with the UAE Space Agency (UAESA) and Implementing Arrangement with the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA).

For this year, Indonesia will launch Nusantara-5 satellite (SATRIA-2) and NEO-1 satellite in 2024 to enhance digital transformation, and conduct earth observation, maritime surveillance and measuring the earth's magnetic field.

Indonesia will also operate the Timau National Observatory in the first half of 2024 to support space research and technology development. We welcome global space science cooperation to utilize this new National Observatory.

Finally, I would like to reiterate Indonesia's firm commitment to support this Subcommittee's efforts to improve cooperation and mutual understanding of peaceful uses of outer space.

Thank you.