

New Zealand, Item 10: Long-term sustainability of outer space activities

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Chair, Distinguished Delegates

New Zealand would like to thank the Chair of the Working Group on the Long-term Sustainability of Outer Space Activities and the Secretariat for their ongoing efforts to advance this important work.

New Zealand places great importance on space sustainability and takes its role as a launching state very seriously. We remain committed to the implementation of the Guidelines for the Long-term Sustainability of Outer Space.

International collaboration and cooperation are critical for addressing key space sustainability challenges and ensuring humankind can continue to benefit from space technologies. New Zealand is pleased to see the continued efforts by member states to report on their implementation of the guidelines. Not only does this reporting serve as useful guidance for other states on their own implementation journeys, it also helps to develop a picture of shared challenges in implementing guidelines. This is vital for guiding COPUOS' work on sustainability issues.

New Zealand is pleased to see that work has progressed on an open-source information repository to support information sharing. We expect that this will be a valuable tool for advancing efforts on improving the sustainability of space for years to come.

As we move toward the Working Group's conclusion, New Zealand looks forward to engaging on the development of a final report on the key elements of the Working Group's mandate. Reaching consensus on a substantive final report in 2026 will be important as we continue to work together to improve the sustainability of space.

Thank you Chair.