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**SGAC Statement at the
62nd Session of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee
of the United Nations Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space**

**Agenda Item 10
Long-Term Sustainability of Outer Space Activities**

**Presented by:
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Thank you, Madame Chair. On behalf of the Space Generation Advisory Council, SGAC, I am pleased to see you here in Vienna back at the podium as Chair of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee and would like to assure you of our full support. Further, we would like to express our high appreciation for the excellent work of the Secretariat in preparation of this session, and congratulate Ms. Takemi Chiku for her appointment as Chief of the policy and legal affairs section of the Committee.

Before moving to our statement under this agenda item, we would like to take a moment to commemorate the late Ambassador Andrzej Misztal. Andrzej was an outstanding diplomat, a dear friend and a true inspiration to many young people interested in pursuing a diplomatic career in international law. We will remember Andrzej for his remarkable work as Chair of the Legal Subcommittee and of the Space Resources Working Group, and we will forever be grateful for his guidance as a long-standing advisor of SGAC. Dear Andrzej, you left us too early. We will deeply miss you.

Madame Chair, Distinguished Delegates, at SGAC we sincerely appreciate the opportunity to share the views of the space youth on the long-term sustainability of outer space activities. As this Subcommittee knows very well, SGAC was conceived in 1999 at UNISPACE III “to facilitate the continued participation of young people from all over the world in cooperative space-related activities”.

The many achievements accomplished by SGAC over the past 25 years stand as a concrete testament to the tremendous impact that was generated by the Third UNISPACE Conference. This is why we note with great appreciation Action 56 from the Pact for the Future encouraging the Committee to further consult on the proposal to hold a fourth UNISPACE conference in 2027. We thank the Office for Outer Space Affairs for their excellent work in facilitating these consultations so far, and stand ready to offer our full support in the next steps of this process.

Since our foundation at UNISPACE III, at SGAC we have been harnessing the SGAC Statement at the 2025 Meetings of the COPUOS STSC



creativity and vigour of the youth to promote the long-term sustainability of space with several initiatives. Last in this list is our proposal for an “Intergenerational Pact for Space Sustainability” (IPASS), which we have presented to the three sessions of the Committee throughout the year 2024.

Building upon Action 56 of the Pact for the Future, we propose action-oriented recommendations fostering the peaceful and sustainable uses of space for the benefit of all humanity. In connection with the agenda of this Subcommittee, we would like to underline the following three recommendations:

- 1) Firm commitments in national legislation to implement the 2019 Long Term Sustainability Guidelines, especially to prevent the creation of new space debris and develop solutions for the active removal of existing ones.
- 2) Creation of a global coordination framework, potentially in the form of a system of systems, for space situational awareness and space traffic coordination.
- 3) Improve consultations related to lunar activities to ensure that they can be conducted in a peaceful, cooperative, safe and sustainable manner.

If you are interested to hear more about our proposals related to space traffic and the preservation of Dark and Quiet Skies, we warmly invite you to follow a dedicated technical presentation under agenda item 15, which will be presented by one of our Policy Coordinators, to discuss what our Intergenerational Pact for Space Sustainability means for Dark and Quiet Skies.

To conclude, Madame Chair, we are grateful for the opportunity to provide the Subcommittee with the views of the young generations on the long-term sustainability of outer space activities. We stand ready to work together to foster the peaceful, safe and sustainable uses of space for the benefit of all humanity, present and future. Thank you very much for your kind attention.