

## **UNCOPUOS Scientific and Technical Subcommittee**

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Statement by Germany on

### **Agenda item 11: Future role and method of work**

Madam Chair, distinguished delegates,

This agenda item as well as the Working Group of the Whole provide good opportunities to discuss a number of cross-cutting and overarching processes of relevance not just to this Subcommittee but the Committee as a whole. Let me briefly address some of them.

We welcome the non-paper by the Secretariat as well as the conference room paper by Morocco and Italy outlining initial ideas for UNISPACE IV. This conference can be a welcome forum to advance a number of key processes and activities of the Committee and to strengthen international cooperation and capacity building to allow everyone to reap the benefits of space science and technology. The Pact for the Future, which was adopted by heads of state and government at the United Nations in New York last year, provided additional momentum for holding such a conference by encouraging COPUOS to further consult on the proposal. The Pact tasked COPUOS to discuss the establishment of new frameworks for space traffic, space debris and space resources, and UNISPACE IV could focus on these three key issues identified in Action 56 of the Pact and aim to produce actionable results without disrupting existing work streams. We therefore hope that the Subcommittee can agree on a recommendation to the Committee to hold UNISPACE IV in 2027 and look forward to receiving further information ahead of the session of the Legal Subcommittee on potential organizational arrangements, funding and more.

We welcome the establishment of the Action Team on Lunar Activities Consultation at the 67th session of the Committee. We congratulate the

newly elected co-Chairs of ATLAC, Ms. Ulpia Botezatu of Romania and Mr. Hasan Abbas of Pakistan, and assure you of our full support. It is a priority for us to fulfil the mandate of ATLAC and to ensure that you contribute to the constructive discussions at the forthcoming intersessional and informal meetings with a view to adopting the work plan at the 68th session of the Committee.

We would further like to thank Prof. Steven Freeland for reporting to the STSC on the work of the Working Group on the Legal Aspects of Space Resource Activities of the Legal Subcommittee. We think this is an important means to strengthen the coordination and coherence between the work of the two Subcommittees and we would also like to see this with regards to other topics. In the honour of Ambassador Misztal, we remain committed to actively contribute to the WG on Space Resources and we do look forward to continuing the important works under the skilled leadership of Prof. Freeland as Chair, hoping that the draft principles expected for April will feed a productive and engaged discussion between Member States at the upcoming LSC.

Madam Chair,

The midterm review of the "Space2030" Agenda provides a good opportunity to take stock of the progress made in advancing the use of space technology and applications for sustainable development. We thank the Secretariat for the non-paper entailing a questionnaire and templates to assist member states in preparing information on their actions taken to implement the "Space2030" Agenda. We believe such a structured approach allows to gather substantive information for the midterm review and we hope that it will support us in concluding a successful review at this year's session of the Committee.

Thank you for your kind attention.