

INTERVENTION BY KENYA AT THE SIXTY-SECOND SESSION OF THE SIXTY-SECOND SESSION OF THE SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL SUBCOMMITTEE (STSC) OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE PEACEFUL USES OF OUTER SPACE (COPUOS) HELD IN VIENNA FROM THE 3rd - TO 14TH FEBRUARY 2025 AGENDA 11: FUTURE ROLE AND METHOD OF WORK OF THE COMMITTEE

Thank you, *Madam Chair*

1. As an emerging and developing space faring nation, Kenya attaches great importance to capacity building which is essential for developing countries to fully participate in and benefit from space science, technology, and governance.
2. In this regard, we greatly appreciate the UN Space Sustainability Days organised by UNOOSA on Space Traffic Coordination prior to this session of the STSC. In particular, we appreciate the attention given to the involvement of developing countries, ensuring inclusive dialogue and knowledge-sharing.
3. The discussions and exchanges held were invaluable in fostering a deeper understanding on Space Traffic Coordination. A key takeaway from the workshop was the clarification of the distinction between Space Traffic Coordination and Space Traffic Management. From the workshop, we could clearly understand the need to prioritize the creation of a coordination mechanism and it was made clear by the experts that we do not need to wait for Space Traffic Management in order to advance on a coordination mechanism, which is an operational matter.
4. Noting that many of us are not necessarily all subject matter experts, it is important to give complex topics like Space Traffic Coordination the best chances of success by ensuring they are tackled in this Scientific & Technical sub-committee to leverage on subject matter experts and avoid unnecessary delays.
5. Further, we encourage UNOOSA to organize more such initiatives for the benefit of all delegates in the coming two years on critical topics which often have a very technical nature. This will be critical in supporting the Committee to deliver results on the priorities of the space sector overall.

Thank you, Madam Chair,