

Agenda Item 11: Future role and method of work of the Committee

Republic of Korea

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Thank you, Madame Chair,

As an active participant in lunar exploration, the Republic of Korea has consistently emphasized the importance of international cooperation in ensuring the safety and sustainability of such activities. In this context, we warmly welcome the establishment of the Action Team on Lunar Activities Consultation (ATLAC) and extend our warm congratulations to the newly elected Co-Chairs from the distinguished delegations of Romania and Pakistan. We hope that ATLAC will fulfill its objectives by fostering meaningful collaboration and advancing shared goals in lunar exploration.

In 2024, the Republic of Korea and Japan have collaborated to ensure the precise landing of Japan's Smart Lander for Investigating Moon (SLIM) on the moon through information sharing and a subsequent collision avoidance maneuver carried out by the Korea Pathfinder Lunar Orbiter (KPLO). This represents one of the best practices in compliance with international space norms for lunar exploration. Building on this experience, we will actively contribute to ATLAC to address pressing practical concerns in lunar exploration and engage in substantive discussions.

We also welcome the initiative to host UNISPACE IV in 2027, which will mark a pivotal year for COPUOS. This event would offer a key opportunity to address pressing space issues and advance space governance while leveraging space to achieve the 2030 Agenda. We look forward to

constructive and forward-thinking discussions on a clear and comprehensive roadmap to ensure its success.

Before concluding, we would like to express our sincere appreciation to both Romania and UNOOSA for their leadership and efforts in advancing these initiatives. We encourage all Member States to join us in supporting and actively engaging in these important endeavors.

Thank you Madame Chair.

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