

Ghana National Statement

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Chair,

On behalf of the Republic of Ghana, I would like to congratulate you on your chairmanship and express our gratitude to you and to the Director of the United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs, Ms. Aarti Holla-Maini, for the excellent organization and preparation of this 62nd session of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (COPUOS).

The Ghanaian delegation associates itself with the words of condolence to our Polish colleagues on the passing of Ambassador Andrzej Misztal, who contributed greatly to advancing the peaceful exploration and use of outer space.

Ghana extends a warm welcome to the two newest members of COPUOS, Latvia and Djibouti. Their inclusion highlights the growing global consensus on the indispensable role of space science and technology in international development and underscores the relevance of our collective work in this Committee.

Chair,

Ghana recognizes the immense benefits that space-based research and innovations bring to developing and developed nations alike. Since the successful deployment of our first satellite, GhanaSat-1, in 2017, and the subsequent approval of the National Space Policy, Ghana has intensified efforts to harness the capabilities of space technology for socio-economic development. We have advanced our domestic space program through the **Ghana Space Science and Technology Institute (GSSTI)** and continue to explore collaboration opportunities to build upon the momentum gained in satellite technology, Earth observation, and satellite-based communications.

These initiatives support national priorities in agriculture, disaster management, climate monitoring, and telecommunications, directly contributing to the realization of the **2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**.

Chair,

Ghana reaffirms its unwavering commitment to the fundamental principles enshrined in the **1967 Outer Space Treaty**, which remains the cornerstone of international space law. Ghana also underscores the importance of universalizing this regime, as it fosters transparency, confidence, and peaceful cooperation in outer space.

We welcome the ongoing discussions on establishing frameworks for **space traffic management, space debris mitigation, and space resource utilization**. Ghana believes that

these issues require inclusive dialogue, capacity-building opportunities, and the exchange of best practices to ensure responsible, safe, and sustainable access to outer space.

Ghana greatly values the role of **international partnerships** in bridging capacity gaps within emerging spacefaring nations. We call for continued support from established spacefaring nations, agencies, and private sector partners to deepen regional expertise in mission design, launch operations, data processing, and policy formulation.

We appreciate the existing platforms UNOOSA provides to facilitate technical assistance, capacity-building programs, and expert missions, including “**The Space Law for New Space Actors program**”, of which Ghana is a beneficiary. We must continue strengthening such initiatives to support the growing number of space actors, especially from developing countries.

Ghana endorses the **Space2030 Agenda** and looks forward to contributing to its mid-term review in 2025. We particularly appreciate its emphasis on inclusive growth, poverty eradication, and achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through space-based solutions.

Chair, Ghana strongly believes that space science and technology hold transformative potential for our collective future. Through sustained international cooperation, robust capacity building, adherence to rules-based frameworks, and a commitment to peaceful and sustainable space activities, we can ensure that the benefits of outer space are shared equitably among all nations.

In closing, Ghana looks forward to continuing its active engagement within COPUOS and reaffirms its support to the Committee’s mission. Let us strengthen our global partnership for the peaceful exploration and use of outer space to benefit our peoples and our planet.

Thank you, Chair.