

**Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space**  
**Scientific and Technical Sub-Committee**  
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## **MOON VILLAGE ASSOCIATION STATEMENT**

### **Agenda Item 3: General Exchange of view**

Madam Chair, Distinguished Delegates,

It is an honour for the Moon Village Association, as an Observer member, to address this session of the Scientific and Technical Sub-Committee.

Madam Chair, as the MVA Delegation takes the floor for the first time, we would like to congratulate you for the second year as Chair of this subcommittee. Under your wise leadership, important results were achieved in 2024 and this session will reach fruitful results. My delegation would also like to extend its gratitude to the Director of UNOOSA, Dr. Aarti Holla-Maini, and her team for the excellent operation of this meeting.

Madam Chair,

In 2024, MVA has carried out many activities. I will summarize just a few of them, while more can be found on our website: [[www.moonvillageassociation.org](http://www.moonvillageassociation.org)] and in the Annual Report

MVA has created in 2021 a neutral forum for multi-stakeholder discussions on lunar exploration and utilization: The *Global Expert Group on Sustainable Lunar Activities* or GEGSLA. GEGSLA, to bring the issue of lunar governance to the attention of Delegations, published in 2023 the “*Recommended Framework and Key elements for Peaceful and Sustainable Lunar Activities*” and its Annexes.

Since January 2023, GEGSLA initiated its Operational Phase, engaging over 200 experts from more than 40 countries including space agencies, governments, industry, research centers, academia, and international organizations. GEGSLA initiated three Working Groups, focusing on the following areas: Lunar Environmental Protection, Technical Coordination and Multi-stakeholder Coordination. Details of the activities and plan of each working group are included in the relevant CRP and the 2024 Annual report available on the GEGSLA website. Delegations and observers not yet involved are welcome to join and support the Group.

At this COPUOS, MVA organized, on February 6, a side event titled “Lunar Sites of Special Scientific Interest: Designation and Preservation” in coordination with COSPAR, IAU and IAA. Recording of the event are available on MVA website.

MVA and GEGSLA welcome and support the creation of the United Nations Action Team on Lunar Activities Consultation (ATLAC) as this should be the focal point for any future consultation on Lunar Activities. GEGSLA is ready to support ATLAC, when required

In 2024, the 8<sup>th</sup> Global Moon Village Workshop & Symposium was successfully held in Luxembourg, hosted by the Luxembourg Space Agency. This event attracted participation from over 150 individuals and Industry from all the world.

In 2025, the 9th Global Moon Village Workshop & Symposium is scheduled to be held in Abu Dhabi, UEA, in November. This event will be hosted by Emirates Council for Work Relation Development

Madam Chair,

The third International Moon Day took place in July 2024 and the International Moon Day project, within MVA, supported the creation of global events in more than 40 countries that took place the week before and after the 20<sup>th</sup> of July. The main event took place on 20 July in Harbin, China. This was hosted by the Harbin Institute of Technology and the Chinese Society of Astronautics. Details of the events are included in the relevant Conference Room Paper and have been presented at a technical presentation held on February 4. The annual report is also available on the IMD website [<https://internationalmoonday.org/international-moon-day-2024-annual-report/>]

The International Moon Day 2025 is themed “One Moon, one vision, one future”, this reflects the united ambition to explore, innovate and create a sustainable future together. The main events, together with the Global Moon Village Summer School is set to take place in Abu Dhabi, UEA in the week of July 20, 2024, in cooperation the Emirates Council for Work Relation Development (ECWRD).

We cordially invite all members and observers of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (COPUOS) to participate in this important event. Events registration, sponsorship opportunities, and other relevant information can be found on the IMD website,

The Moon Village Association initiated the Participation of Emerging Space Countries (PESC) Project in January 2020. The goal is to facilitate Emerging Space Countries participation in the Lunar Exploration and Utilization. So far PESC has involved more than 15 countries supporting capacity building.

Details can be found in PESC Annual Report 2024 that can be downloaded on the MVA website

Thank you for your attention,

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