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**SGAC Statement at the
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**Agenda Item 3
General Exchange of Views**

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Thank you, Madame Chair.

Distinguished Delegates, as SGAC's Executive Director, it is an honour for me to present an overview of our network's recent endeavours. SGAC is, and always has been, a dynamic hub for students and young space professionals aged 18 to 35, to actively engage with the United Nations, space agencies, industry partners, and academia. Due to the dedication of our members, staff, partners and sponsors, we are thrilled to report a successful 2024 and a promising start to 2025. Our organisation's growth remains steadfast, now boasting a membership of over 35,000 individuals spanning over 165 countries.

In 2024, SGAC proudly hosted three global events, 12 regional and local gatherings across the world, and a range of online initiatives, including webinars, workshops, and research projects. With the generous support of our partners and sponsors, we awarded over 120 scholarships—totaling more than \$150,000—enabling our members to participate in key space events worldwide. These efforts underscore SGAC's global impact and commitment to fostering diversity and inclusivity within the space sector. As we look ahead to 2025, we are already deep in planning for our upcoming events, including SGx in Washington, D.C., and SGFF in Colorado Springs, which continue to serve as key platforms for engaging the next generation of space leaders. In this context, we extend our sincere gratitude to Dr. Antonino Salmeri for his leadership as Chair during the 2023-2025 term. As his tenure nears its conclusion, we look forward to electing a new Co-Chair to support Dr. Joshua Critchley-Marrows, who will assume the role of Chair on May 1, 2025.

Moving ahead, we would like to congratulate Ms. Aarti Holla-Maini for her excellent work in her first year as Director of UNOOSA and look forward to our continued collaboration with the Office for engaging the young generation in the peaceful uses of space, especially on the upcoming Space4Youth initiatives.



We were also pleased to see youth engagement recognised as an action for the international community in Resolution 56 of the Pact for the Future, adopted by world leaders at the UN General Assembly only four months ago. At SGAC we have been pleased to contribute at the best of our abilities to the preparatory process of the Pact in collaboration with UNOOSA and several Member States. In addition to providing written inputs to the Co-Facilitators, we have been pleased to organise and participate in many events on the important topics discussed in the Pact, such as the side event on “Space, Youth, and Future Generations” that we co-organised together with the Government of Austria and UNOOSA, and the side event on “Outer Space in The Zero Draft of the Pact of the Future” organised by the Permanent Mission of Germany and UNOOSA. Outside the framework of the Committee, we have been pleased to participate in the excellent Conference on the Management and Sustainability of Outer Space, co-organised in Lisbon by the Government of Portugal and UNOOSA, as well as to the 2024 Edition of the World Space Forum in Bonn organised by UNOOSA together with Germany, Peru and the United Arab Emirates. We have been especially pleased to have presented the voice of the youth in the retrospective session of the World Space Forum to more than 450 participants from over 90 countries and have organised a workshop on the sidelines to inform about our policy positions for sustainable activities in orbit and on the Moon.

We are pleased to inform this honourable Subcommittee that through our dedicated policy platform we continue to produce meaningful annual reports outlining the united policy position on key issues for our shared future in space. Just a few weeks ago we released our 2025 Policy Position on Responsible Space Behaviour, focusing on the three pillars of safety, security and sustainability. You can find more information on this policy position in a dedicated CRP, and we look forward to providing more updates during the next sessions of the Committee.



In conclusion, esteemed Chair and distinguished Delegates, SGAC has experienced notable growth in the past year, a testament to the dedicated efforts of our volunteers and the unwavering support from our esteemed international partners and sponsors.

We are grateful for the opportunity to address this Honourable Subcommittee and stand ready to work together with all Member States and Observers to foster the peaceful, sustainable and cooperative uses of space for the benefit of all humanity, present and future.

Thank you for your kind attention.