



**Permanent Mission of Ukraine**  
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**Statement by the Delegation of Ukraine  
at the 62<sup>nd</sup> session of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee  
of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space**

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**Item 3 “General exchange of views and introduction of reports submitted on national activities”**

**Madam Chair,**

**Distinguished delegates,**

At the outset, the Delegation of Ukraine would like to express its sincere appreciation to Ms. Botezatu and her dedicated team for their exceptional leadership in guiding the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee over the past year.

We wish you, Madam Chair, further success in leading this Subcommittee through the complex challenges of space exploration while promoting peaceful international cooperation. Please be assured of Ukraine’s full support and commitment to constructive engagement.

We also warmly welcome Director of UNOOSA, Ms. Holla-Maini, and wish her and her team every success in their future endeavours.

Ukraine is also happy to welcome Latvia and Jibuti as new COPUOS members.

**Distinguished delegates,**

*[Ukraine aligns itself with the statement delivered earlier by the European Union under this agenda item. In my national capacity, I would like to add the following remarks.]*

Ukraine remains steadfast in its commitment to multilateral cooperation within COPUOS and its Subcommittees, which serve as essential platforms for advancing the peaceful uses of outer space.

However, as a consequence of Russia’s full-scale war of aggression against Ukraine, which is being waged in blatant violation of international law, including the UN Charter, Ukraine’s space sector has suffered severe disruptions, affecting scientific research, technological advancements, and space education.

Our nation has been deprived of the full ability to leverage its long-standing expertise and potential in the space industry. The war not only obstructs Ukraine’s access to space

science and technology but also significantly hinders the development of national research programmes essential for innovation and progress.

Despite these challenges, Ukraine's space industry continues to develop and expand. We are strengthening partnerships with the European Space Agency, the European Union and its member states, the United States, and other key international space actors.

A strategic priority for Ukraine's integration into the European space sector is its participation in the EU Space Programme. Currently, Ukraine actively cooperates with the EU under the Copernicus (Earth observation) and EGNOS (satellite navigation) components. In particular, negotiations are underway on an agreement to extend the European Geostationary Navigation Overlay System (EGNOS) to Ukraine.

Ukrainian space enterprises remain engaged in the Vega programme, contributing to a successful Vega launch from the Kourou Spaceport in 2024. Ukraine continues its collaboration with Canada on the development of a space launch complex in Nova Scotia.

We are also actively involved in multilateral initiatives, including participation in working groups under the Artemis Accords. We welcome the growing number of signatories to the Accords and look forward to further deepening cooperation within this framework.

**Madam Chair,**

Ukraine reiterates its firm stance regarding the Russian draft resolution entitled "Space Science and Technology for Promoting Peace", which we, along with many other COPUOS member states, find inappropriate.

We also maintain our strong opposition to granting UN affiliation to the so-called "Regional Centre for Space Science and Technology Education" hosted in Russia.

Accordingly, the Ukrainian delegation requests that these concerns be duly reflected in the Report of the Subcommittee.

**Distinguished delegates,**

Ukraine is committed to restoring and strengthening its position in the global space sector. With the unwavering support of our partners, we will accelerate progress toward this goal.

Despite nearly three years of Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine, international solidarity remains crucial. Russia must not be allowed to violate the sovereignty and independence of other states with impunity.

Ukraine is fully committed to ensuring that 2025 marks a year of just and lasting peace. The only viable path to achieving a comprehensive, just, and enduring peace is through the Peace Formula, which is based on the principles of the UN Charter and the imperative to fully restore Ukraine's territorial integrity within its internationally recognized borders.

**Thank you, Madam Chair.**