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I. Introduction

1. This report provides an overview of the most important space policy activities conducted by the Space Generation Advisory Council (SGAC) in areas related to the work of this honourable Scientific and Technical Subcommittee.

II. Establishment of the Space Generation Advocacy and Policy Platform (SGAPP)

2. The Space Generation Advisory Council (SGAC) is delighted to announce the establishment of the Space Generation Advocacy and Policy Platform (SGAPP). Through this new Platform, SGAC will survey the ideas and activities of our members on space policy & advocacy in order to convey them with a united voice to the global space community.

3. The Platform is composed of a central Policy and Advocacy Team (PAT) and various specialised divisions focusing on selected topics and/or geographic areas, and is led by two Policy & Advocacy Coordinators. The purposes of the Platform are to:

- A) Develop, advocate & implement united space policy positions on behalf of the youth;
- B) Coordinate, consolidate & disseminate space policy activities conducted within SGAC.

4. This Policy and Advocacy Platform will allow SGAC to increase the effectiveness of its existing policy and advocacy activities, as well as to develop and implement new initiatives in these areas. Through the platform, SGAC aims to increase the relevance and impact of the young generations in global policy and advocacy processes for the peaceful, prosperous and sustainable uses of space. The Platform will allow SGAC to strategically centralise and coordinate our Policy and Advocacy activities to the United Nations, international multilateral organisations, and national governments. In pursuance of this vision, the SGAPP will produce:

- A) Policy reports providing the united space policy position of the youth on selected space topics, coupled with related advocacy campaigns and implementation actions.
- B) Policy overviews consolidating policy inputs and activities throughout SGAC, coupled with related dissemination and implementation actions.

5. The Platform's activities in 2022 will focus on two main areas: "Space for Climate Action" and "Sustainable Space", as the critical implication of these topics demands the participation of younger generations in designing a sustainable future for the terrestrial and outer space environment.

6. All Delegations interested in cooperating with SGAC in the areas of space policy & advocacy are encouraged to contact the Platform at sgapp@spacegeneration.org.



III. SGAC Activities related to the exploration and use of the Moon

The Lunar Governance Report

7. At the 60th Session of the Legal Subcommittee of the United Nations Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (UNCOPUOS), SGAC submitted a Conference Room Paper (<u>A/AC.105/C.2/2021/CRP.13</u>) presenting the <u>EAGLE Lunar Governance Report</u>, a document outlining the position and proposals of the young generation in the regulation of lunar activities. In light of the increased number of missions planned for the present decade, SGAC urged State Delegations at the LSC to begin the necessary discussions towards the development of appropriate governance mechanisms for activities in the exploration and use of the Moon.

8. The Lunar Governance Report was developed by a specialised division of the SGAPP working on Effective and Adaptive Governance for a Lunar Ecosystem - the E.A.G.L.E. Team. Further to the LSC, SGAC presented the Lunar Governance Report before other prestigious international institutions such as the International Space Exploration Coordination Group (ISECG), as well as during prominent international events like the 72nd International Astronautical Congress (IAC) in Dubai. Following the positive reception of the Report by the international community, SGAC is now working with like minded entities and partners for the implementation of the proposals laid down in the Report.

9. All Delegations interested in cooperating with SGAC in the area of lunar governance are encouraged to contact the E.A.G.L.E. Team at <u>eagle@spacegeneration.org</u>.

The Technical Unit Research for a Thriving Lunar Ecosystem (T.U.R.T.L.E.)

10. The Technical Unit Research for a Thriving Lunar Ecosystem (T.U.R.T.L.E. Group) is a specialised division of the SGAPP responsible for coordinating original and innovative lunar research from the young generations. The mission of T.U.R.T.L.E. is to enable the sustainable development of the Moon as a circular ecosystem by adopting a unique holistic approach to lunar research. The T.U.R.T.L.E. Group promotes international cooperation, concurrent design and interoperability as key features for the success of future lunar missions and technologies. Through its groundbreaking research, T.U.R.T.L.E. aims to be instrumental in the global development of a Lunar Exploration Technology Adaptive Roadmap (L.E.T.A.R.).

11. All Delegations interested in cooperating with SGAC in the area of technical lunar research are encouraged to contact the T.U.R.T.L.E. Group at <u>turtle@spacegeneration.org</u>.



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