

Indonesia
Agenda Item 7: Report of the Legal Subcommittee on its sixty first session
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Mr. Chair,

The Indonesian delegation associates itself with the statement delivered by Permanent Representative of Pakistan on behalf of Group of 77 and China. We would further like to add the following remarks in our national capacity.

Allow me to express our appreciation for the significant progress of the Legal Subcommittee (LSC) under the leadership of Ms. Nomfuneko Majaja of South Africa.

We also wish to appreciate the work of the Office for Outer Space Affairs in supporting the Subcommittee meeting.

Mr. Chair,

Let me now turn to several issues under this Item Agenda, which my delegation considers to be important.

Firstly, with regard to the issue of definition and delimitation of outer space, Indonesia would like to underscore that our position regarding the definition and delimitation is clear and remains the same.

Lack of definition and delimitation of outer space will lead to legal uncertainty. Therefore, a boundary between air-space and outer-space which relates to the state sovereignty needs to be clarified in order to reduce the risks of disputes among States.

In this regard, we encourage the Legal Subcommittee of UNCOPUOS to continue the discussion on the delimitation of airspace and outer space at the altitude of 110 km above the sea level.

Secondly, on the issue of character and utilization of the geostationary orbit, my delegation has heard concerns of different delegations regarding GSO slots that are not proportionally distributed among countries.

Inequalities, inefficiencies, and bureaucratic congestion in the utilization of the GSO remain serious challenges that must also be addressed by UNCOPUOS because GSO is limited outer-space resource.

In this regard, Indonesia wishes to reiterate its position that UNCOPUOS should maintain the discussion on the establishment of sui generis regime to ensure future equitable and sustainable use of GSO for developing countries and countries with specific geographical conditions.

Mr. Chair,

Regarding issue of space resources, Indonesia welcomes to hold the International Conference on Space Resources in 2024, in Vienna. Indonesia believes that the conference will be beneficial for the discussion to have a possible regulatory framework relating to the exploration, exploitation and use of space resources.

Indonesia of the view that such framework should be discussed in the spirit of multilateralism and in a way that is transparent and inclusive, including governing the activities of private entities.

Indonesia considers that regulatory framework on the peaceful exploration, exploitation and use of outer space is paramount importance, mainly for States which actively engage in space activities. In this regard, Indonesia supports and joins submission on the status of National Space Legislation (NSLI) in the Countries of the Asia-Pacific Region, Second Phase to the 66th Session of the UNCOPUOS in 2023.

Indonesia appreciates the UNOOSA for launching a new platform, called Accessing Space Treaty Resources Online (ASTRO), which serves as a database of national space laws, policies, and regulations of State members of COPUOS. We wish to learn the best practices and lesson learns from other member states.

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