



**General Statement
Delegation of the Republic of Indonesia**

Agenda item 4: General Exchange of Views

At the 66th Session of the Committee UNCOPUOS Meeting

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Mr. Chairman,
Excellencies, distinguished Delegates,

It is a great pleasure for my delegation to participate in the 66th Session of the Committee Meeting. On behalf of the Government of the Republic of Indonesia, I am pleased to welcome you, Mr. Omran Sharaf from the United Arab Emirates (UAE) as Chairman of this meeting.

Rest assured of our delegation's support for the successful outcome of our auspicious deliberations under your able leadership.

My delegation also commends the Acting Director of the Office for Outer Space Affairs and the UNOOSA Secretariat for the excellent preparations for this meeting.

The Indonesian delegation associates itself with the statement delivered by the Permanent Representative of Pakistan on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

We further would like to add the following remarks in our national capacity.

Mr. Chair,

Indonesia welcomes Uzbekistan and Guatemala as new members of UNCOPUOS. Then growing number of members shows the increasing importance of our committee.

We would like to reaffirm our view that outer space should be used and explored entirely for peaceful purposes and for the benefit of all humankind.

My delegation underscores the importance of UN General Assembly Resolution Number 77/121 regarding international cooperation on peaceful uses of outer space. We are of the view that international cooperation should be inclusive, taking into consideration the technological level of development.

We believe that the Committee has a vital role in bridging spacefaring nations and developing countries to enhance cooperation in capacity building in space technology and its applications.

Mr. Chair, distinguished delegates

We appreciate the works and progress made by the STSC and LSC Subcommittees. We hope that future deliberations will come up with common solutions for all pending issues we are facing.

Regarding long-term sustainability of space activities (LTS), Indonesia would support the idea of holding an international workshop back to back with the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee Meeting, held in Vienna in 2024.

With respect to Definition and Delimitation, Indonesia emphasizes the importance of the international community's efforts to clarify the boundaries between airspace and outer space.

Furthermore, we reaffirm our position on Geostationary Orbit as a limited natural resource with special characteristics. GSO should be utilized in a rational, balanced, efficient, and equitable manner. We are of the view that GSO needs to be regulated by a sui generis regime.

Regarding the “Space2030” agenda, implementation of the agenda by the entire international space community is essential to demonstrate the contribution of space technology and its applications to the SDGs.

Allow me to refer to the Indonesian G20 presidency in 2022, when a new paradigm of shared accountability to realize the 2030 Agenda was discussed in order to mitigate climate change and to reach global economic recovery. Without this new way of thinking, not everyone would experience a great recovery and many of us would fall behind.

This year, Indonesia serves as the ASEAN chairman under this paradigm. Indonesia is committed to ensuring that ASEAN matters for our peoples, for the region, and for the rest of the globe.

Mr. Chair, distinguished delegates,

Let me take this opportunity to report on the recent developments of Indonesia’s space activities.

On February 16, 2023, Indonesia enacted Government Regulation No. 7 of Year 2023 on Space Technology Mastery. This new regulation stipulates the mastery and protection of space technology, security and safety standards and procedures in the mastery of space technology, and community participation in the mastery of space technology.

Allow us also to inform you that in 2022, Indonesia proudly hosted several meetings, namely:

- The 26th Session of the Intergovernmental Consultative Committee (ICC) on the Regional Space Applications Programme for Sustainable Development (RESAP);
- The 4th Ministerial Conference on Space Applications for Sustainable Development in Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP) which adopted the Jakarta Ministerial Declaration on Space Applications for Sustainable Development in Asia and the Pacific; and
- The 3rd Space Economy Leaders Meeting (Space20) theme Space for Digital, Blue, and Green Economy.

Indonesia also actively participated in and contributed to the APRSAF 28th Annual Meeting held on 14th -18th November 2022.

Indonesia will host the 29th Meeting of the Asia Pacific Regional Space Agency Forum (APRSAF) in Jakarta, from 19 to 22 September 2023 under the theme “Accelerating Space Economies through Regional Partnership”.

APRSAF-29 is jointly organized by the National Research and Innovation Agency (BRIN) of Indonesia, the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) of Japan, and the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA).

Mr. Chair,

Before concluding my statement, allow me to stress that Indonesia hopes the cooperation with other countries in the field of space will continue to increase in forthcoming years, particularly international outer space cooperation to support global sustainable development.

I thank you.