

Thailand's statement
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Mr. Chair,

First of all, Thailand would like to extend our gratitude to you and UNOOSA for the hard work. With COPUOS spirit, you and UNOOSA continue the great works no matter what the circumstances are. We welcome new members, Angola, Bangladesh, Panama, Slovenia, and Kuwait to COPUOS.

Thailand always places international cooperation at the forefront of infrastructure for space technology development and peaceful uses of outer space. We truly believe in the power of collaboration in all formats, north-north, north-south, south-south, global, and regional. Since last year, Thailand has enthusiastically pushed forward the creation of tangible outcomes and impacts derived from bilateral and multilateral cooperation. Starting with the UN body, Thailand and UNITAR by UNOSAT agreed to set up the first UNOSAT Affiliated Center in Thailand to enhance the capacity of UN to use space technology in helping people suffering from disasters worldwide. The Center is jointly established by GISTDA, which is the core agency using space technology to manage the disaster in Thailand. Another UN body that works hardly is UNESCAP. Under the Asia-Pacific Plan of Action on Space Applications for Sustainable Development (2018-2030). Thailand, UNESCAP, and South Korea are working together on the PPKAPI, the project that contributes to air pollution. Even though it was kicked-off and run during the covid-19 pandemic, the project went quite well.

Moreover, we join Space Climate Observatory (SCO) to maximize the use of space technology for climate change study. The effects of climate change are broader than only one group or one country, or even one region can deal with, and we need international collaboration. As a result, Thailand will push this issue to be one of the priorities in Committee on Earth Observation Satellites (CEOS) which Thailand will be the Chair from October this year.

Mr. Chair, the Paris Peace Forum is the last international cooperation that Thailand would like to mention. We participated in the Space Situation Awareness session with the purpose of joining other countries to keep the space to be the safety arena. Although Thailand is a small country, we are concerned about the responsibility of being a space actor. And we definitely support the activities to keep the space safe for everyone.

Thank you.
